

# GOSPEL GUT CHECK: HOW GOD EXPOSES HYPOCRISY AND SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 JOHN 1:5-10 (ESV)

I. Hypocrisy and self-righteousness both conceal the truth about ourselves.

A. Hypocrisy deceives \_\_\_\_\_ by hiding our \_\_\_\_\_, while acting righteous outwardly.

B. A self-righteous person has deceived \_\_\_\_\_ into thinking God has \_\_\_\_\_ their sin problem altogether.

II. God's Light reveals the truth about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ we really are.

A. God exposes the truth about us through the work of the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin through the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and...

2. \_\_\_\_\_ with healthy, mature Christians.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ sin can't stay \_\_\_\_\_ in the light of God's presence.

1. The people most eager to \_\_\_\_\_ hypocrisy or self-righteousness to others have their own sins to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's light exposes the truth about us \_\_\_\_\_, so that we would willingly bring the truth into the light by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We confess sin openly to God and Christians we trust, so that they will \_\_\_\_\_ us in our pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_.

III. The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ church are the ordinary environments where the Holy Spirit does this communal work.

- A. If the Holy Spirit shows you your sin, it's your \_\_\_\_\_ to reach out to other Christians, confess it, and \_\_\_\_\_ for help.
- B. Honest, open repentance \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ the God who forgives and cleanses.
- C. If we want to be this kind of community, we need to cultivate \_\_\_\_\_ with one another that would allow us to be this \_\_\_\_\_.