

HIDE OR SEEK?

1 John 1:5-2:2

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:5-2:2; John 13:1-10; Psalm 32; 51; 66:18; Romans 7:14-25

Proverbs 28:13-14; Galatians 5:16-17; Hebrews 10:1-22

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How have you been tempted to downplay or ignore God's holiness (1:5)? In what ways do you suppress or forget who God truly is? How does remembering the truth that "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" help guard your heart against sin?
2. In what ways have you been walking in darkness rather than in the light (1:6)? How does living this way affect your conscience, joy, and peace? What happens to your fellowship with God when sin remains unconfessed? What are some specific ways you can pursue deeper fellowship with others in the church (1:7)?
3. Is there any sin you need to confess before God today (1:8-10)? How might unconfessed sin be hindering your fellowship with God and with others? What does it mean for God to be "faithful and just" in forgiving your sins, and how does this shape your understanding of grace and forgiveness? How can CBC grow in authenticity and mutual care? Read Psalm 32:4-5; Proverbs 28:13; and James 5:16.
4. How does knowing that Jesus is your advocate affect the way you approach God in confession (2:1-2)? How do the following passages help you understand this role? Read Luke 22:31-32; Romans 8:33-34; Hebrews 2:17; 4:15; and 7:25. How does it encourage you to know that Jesus Christ intercedes for you? How should this move you toward gratitude, worship, and obedience?
5. Scripture teaches that God's wrath against sin is an expression of His holy character (2:2). Read Joshua 24:19; Psalm 7:11; Ezekiel 8:17-18; Nahum 1:2-3; Romans 1:18; Ephesians 5:6; and Colossians 3:6. Why does God take sin so seriously that Christ had to suffer and die in our place? Read Isaiah 53:4-6, 10. How does God view the sins that believers still commit? How do Jesus' words in Matthew 6:14-15 and 18:21-35 shape the way we understand forgiveness and repentance?

RECOMMENDED READING

R. C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Tyndale, [1985] 2000).

Daniel M. Doriani, *Getting the Message: A Plan for Interpreting and Applying the Bible* (P&R, 2022)

Wendell E. Miller, *Forgiveness: The Power and the Puzzles* (ClearBrook, 1994)

Steven C. Roy, *What God Thinks When We Fail: Finding Grace and True Success* (IVP, 2011)

Jerry Bridges, *The Gospel for Real Life* (NavPress 2003)