

Passage: 1 John 2:1-6

Title: The Pardoned Life

Summary: A unique passage of scripture today as we go from a guilty man/woman walking into court and being passed a death sentence; to a person being found not guilty, given a full-pardon, and walking out of the court and living as a free man/woman.

1 John 2:1-6 (NKJV) ¹ My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. ³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Reminder

Just a reminder, that "Perfect Love", has written this letter to you, and is speaking to you today.

1 John 4:8 (NKJV) ⁸ , for God is love.

Introduction

Writings – Pastured Ephesus / Around 90AD

John wrote this epistle, as all early church writings agree upon. Early Church writings also say that John served as pastor of the church in Ephesus, which was founded by Paul (Acts 18-19). The writing of this epistle is dated somewhere around 90-100AD. John himself is close to 80 to 90 years old.

Situation

John tells us four reasons why he writes, and the ultimate reason he writes this letter, so that you may have fullness of joy (1:4).

You will never have fullness of joy, if you are insecure in your salvation, you will never have joy, if you are secure in your sin and unrepentant of it, you will never have fullness of joy if you are insecure in the finished work that Christ has done for you.

Theme:

That Your Joy may be Full:

*(1 John 1:4 NKJV) And **these things we write to you** that your joy may be full.*

That You may not Sin / When you Do Sin

*(1 John 2:1 NKJV) My little children, **these things I write to you**, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

That You may not be Deceived

*(1 John 2:26 NKJV) **These things I have written to you** concerning those who try to deceive you.*

That You may know you have Eternal Life

*(1 John 5:13 NKJV) **These things I have written to you** who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*

Hear Ye – Court in Session

We have all heard these words, hopefully on television but for some maybe in person; all rise for the honorable judge, court is now in session.

Legal Proceedings – Before Throne / Law – Legal Sys / America - Republic

Chapter 2 brings us in to the legal proceedings that happened and still happened before the throne of God. Legal proceedings? Yes, for anywhere there are laws there has to be a legal system supporting those laws. If you were to ask most Americans, they will tell you that America is a democracy (a governmental system based on popular vote) that is not true. America is a republic, and a Republic is a governmental system that is based on laws. Those laws supersede any popular opinion. The laws rule the land, not the people, not the flavor of the month. That is why America is such a great nation, because it is a republic, based on laws that were structured by our forefathers who based those laws on the principles of the Bible.

Sensational Cases

We have seen some sensational court cases in the last several years; the O.J. Simpson trial, the Scott Peterson trial, and now the Michael Jackson trial. The whole world tuned in to stay abreast of what was going on, and we can only imagine what the Michael Jackson trial will be like.

None More Sensational – Chp 2 / Eternity is Decided

Well, there is no court case more sensational than the one here in chapter 2; first because you and I are the subjects, and secondly, where we spend eternity is decided.

Chp 2 / Judge – Defendant – Lawyer – Prosecutor – Evidence / No Jury

In this chapter we will see the legal system that we are all familiar with. It will have a judge, a defendant (that's you and I), a lawyer/advocate (as verse one will say) who will defend us, a prosecuting attorney, and evidence will be examined. There will be no jury for this is a trial by Judge only, and the judge will make the final decision that cannot be appealed.

Final Decision – Did Break the Holy laws / If so Judgement & Penalty

The final decision of did we break the holy laws of God, and if we did, then the judge will pass down the penalty for the judgment against us.

Laws without Consequences / God is Light

You see laws without consequences are merely advice. God has not given mankind mere advice, He has given the law. God is light and in Him is no darkness at all, His standard is perfection.

Chp 1 Established – Offended / Fallen Short Perfect Standard

Chapter 1 has already established that we have offended the holy God, for we have fallen short of His standard of perfection.

1 John 2:1 – Full Pardon Available

Verses one and two of this chapter shows us a full pardon is available to all who will receive it.

Rest Chp 2 / 4 Evidence received Pardon / Receive Pardon & Pardoner / Stay to Help

And the rest of chapter 2 will show us 4 evidence/tests that a person has truly asked for and received this full pardon. For once a person receives His full pardon, they also receive the Pardoner Himself in to their heart. And He will stay with them to help them overcome all things that will keep them from that life full of joy that is desired for us as we saw in chapter 1.

4 Evidence – May Show Need a Pardon / Before Gavel Falls

These four evidence can also show a person the need to go seek the pardon before the gavel hits the bench and then all that is left is the penalty phase of the trial

4 Evidences/Tests of Salvation:

- Moral Test (Keeping His Commandments) – (2:3-5)
- Social Test (Brotherly Love) – (2:7-11)
- Worldliness Test (Love of the World) – (2:15-17)
- Doctrinal Test (Who Jesus Is) – (2:21-24)

Outline This / Examine Self – Show Others

Followers and Ministers of the gospel outlined this in your Bible so you can bring people to these passages and encourage or direct them as needed, or to examine yourselves. Self-examination is always prudent, for it enables us to have an early detection of a disease or problem within the body.

Lets Go to Courtroom

So, let's go to the courtroom:

Outline: The Pardoned Life (1 John 2:1-6)

- The Charges (2:1a)
- The Lawyer (2:1b)
- The Sentence (2:2)
- The Pardoned Life Lived (2:3-6)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

The Charges (2:1a)

(1 John 2:1 NKJV) My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2nd theme / We do Part of Our Sin Nature

Here we see the second theme for writing this epistle, that you may not sin, but when you do, because it is part of our sin nature, who we are to go to.

Us – Party Charged / Defendants

Verse 1 - My little children – The parties that are charged, that is you and me, the Defendants in this case.

“Observe the sudden change in the apostle’s manner. His heart is very tender toward his people, and he adopts an affectionate and personal tone: (1) he passes from the formal ‘we’ to ‘I.’ (2) He styles them ‘my little children’ ... his favorite appellation (compare 2:12, 28; 3:7, 18; 4:4; 5:21). Not only was it very suitable on the lips of the aged teacher, but it was a phrase of Jesus (John 13:33). St. John had caught the phrase and its spirit. He remembered how the Master had dealt with His disciples, and he would deal with his people after the same fashion and be to them what Jesus had been to himself—as gentle and patient. (Wuest)

John 13:33 (NKJV) ³³ Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come,’ so now I say to you.

(1 John 2:1 NKJV) My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Our Crime / Just 1 Sin

Verse 1 - And if anyone sins, - So here it is we see our crime, our sin, and it only takes one sin to be charged.

(James 2:10 NKJV) For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV) ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

2 Chronicles 6:36 (NKJV): 36 “When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to a land far or near;

Called to Trial

I was called to testify in a trial some thirty years ago. A good friend of mine made a bad choice, and he was guilty. But he plead not guilty and to court he went. It was only a one-day trial, prosecutor presenting their argument, the defense attorney presenting theirs, and it was all laid out before the judge (not a trial by jury). I loved this brother, like a brother, very special to me, as well as his wife and children. It was hard to watch and be part of. I had memories of our times together, our dreams we shared, our laughs and our lows. As the trial went on, I so wished I could say "but he is a good man", give you the shirt off his back, be there for you, he genuinely has a good heart..... but it all came down to one thing, THE EVIDENCE, and it didn't matter intentions or heart, all that mattered was what did the evidence declare. For my friend, GUILTY.

God Does Not Rank / Murder – Liar Equal / Standard is Perfection

Now God does not rank our sins, little ones and big ones, nor are there big sinners and little sinners. We are told if we are guilty of one, were guilty of them all. God does not consider the murder worse than the liar, because the standard is perfection and one imperfection is enough to offend the Holy God - for God is light and in Him is no darkness at all, not even a speck of darkness (1 John 1:5).

1 John 1:5 (NKJV) ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

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No Jury / What Peers Might Think Good – Interpret the Law / Whole Hope Rest on Defense Team

I might point out again that there will be no jury in this trial because man will not be judged by his peers. Man's peers, his friends cannot help him in this matter, even if they think he or she is a good person and should go free, regardless of their interpretation of the Law. The whole hope rest on his/our defense team, that his lawyer, the Advocate, can present a case strong enough to the judge that satisfies the requirement/penalty of the law, it can gain him a pardon for his offense.

The Lawyer (2:1b)

Judge / Holy One

Verse 1 - with the Father - The judge is God the Father, the Holy One.

1 John 1:5 (NKJV) ⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Advocate / Lawyer

Verse 1 - we have an Advocate – An advocate is one who speaks, pleads, or argues in favor of another, an intercessor, a go-between, a Lawyer. Our advocate/lawyer is none other than Jesus Christ. He is our Defense Team.

Prosecuting Attorney / The Accuser

The prosecuting attorney, he is none other than Satan the evil one. Satan is the accuser of the brethren day and night trying to bring a conviction upon us:

(Revelation 12:9 NKJV) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

*(Revelation 12:10 NKJV) Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, **for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.***

(Revelation 12:11 NKJV) "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Person May Waive Right to Court Appointed Attorney / Have to Prove Perfection

Now I might note that the justice or judicial system allows, and so does God, a person may waive their right to a court appointed attorney, and they may represent themselves. For those who do, they will have to prove that they have not broken a single law, that they are perfect and without offense. We've already covered that in chapter 1 no one has kept the whole law:

(1 John 1:8 NKJV) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

(Romans 3:23 NKJV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

We Need Our Advocate / Evidence is Overwhelming

We need our Advocate, the One who will plead our case, for we are hopeless without Him. The evidence is overwhelming against us.

The Sentence (2:2)

(1 John 2:2 NKJV) And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Propitiation / Appease - Satisfy

Verse 2 - And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins - Our Advocate is also the propitiation of our sins and the sins of the whole world. Propitiation means to appease and satisfy an offended power. Whatever it takes to satisfy the power, the propitiation has met the requirement. Whether that is money, property, flesh and blood, the propitiation has met the requirement.

The Wages Required by Judge

The wages that are required by the Judge for the penalty, the offense against Him, is Death:
(Romans 6:23 NKJV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus Represent All Who Request / Rich – Poor / Take All Cases

Verse 2 - and not for ours only but also for the whole world - Our lawyer will represent all those who request His service. Whether they be rich or poor, young or old, free or slave, powerful or weak, born in America or born in China, our Advocate will take all cases.

Brilliant Defense Plan / Already Paid

Our advocate has a brilliant defense plan. Our advocate bases His entire case on that the penalty has already been paid, it has already been appeased and satisfied.

Only 1 Article of Evidence / He took Entire Wrath – Hurlled from heaven / He took it All

He will present only one article of evidence, the cross. The evidence will speak for itself, that He took the entire wrath of God, the judgment hurled from heaven for man's offense against the holy God, that He took it all.

That 1 Piece – All other Evidence thrown Out / Not Allowed – Tampered With – Tainted

On that one piece of evidence all other evidence will be thrown out. All the evidence that the accuser brings will be thrown out of the court. You see that evidence will not be allowed in the court case because the evidence has been tampered with, it has been tainted, tainted with the blood of the Advocate, Jesus Christ, so much so it has been blotted out to the point that it can't be seen any more.

Holiness of Judge – Demands Justice / Loving & Merciful Judge Sent His Son / The Propitiation

The holiness of the judge demands justice. For laws without consequences is merely advice. But this Judge is a merciful and loving Judge, so much so that He gave His only begotten Son to become the propitiation for our sins.

The Verdict

The verdict in this case:

(1 John 2:1 NKJV) My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

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Not Guilty – Paid in Full – Full Pardon / Free to Go Your Way

Not guilty, paid in full, Full Pardon from your Offense. Go your way you are free.

Woman Where are they Accusers / Nor Do I

Woman where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more:

(John 8:10 NKJV) When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

*(John 8:11 NKJV) She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."
(John 8:12 NKJV) Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

The Mercy Seat

The word translated means its Hebrew equivalent was the word "kipproeth," which in the OT is translated "mercy seat." The mercy seat was the solid gold lid on the Ark of the Covenant. It was on this lid the Priest sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice that staved off God's judgment. hovered God's glory, under the sat the two tablets of the Law. His glory was the concentration of His love. The two tablets declared His righteous Law. But between the demands of His Law and Love sat the blood-stained mercy seat.

Little Children – Now Walk in the Light

Oh my little children now walk in the light as He is in the light:

(1 John 1:7 NKJV) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Advocate Got us Pardon / Now help Walk / Walking is Evidence of Pardon – Receiving Pardon

Our Advocate has helped us get our pardon, and now our advocate will help us to walk in the light. We know we are His by walking in the light, for walking in the light is evidence that not only did we receive a pardon, but we received also the Pardoner. Now starts the debt of Love for our Advocate, for the Judge for sending and giving us the Advocate so that we might not have to be the propitiation, pay the penalty for our offense against the Holy God..

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Moral

MORAL, ETHICAL, VIRTUOUS, RIGHTEOUS, NOBLE mean conforming to a standard of what is right and good.

MORAL implies conformity to established sanctioned codes or accepted notions of right and wrong.

The Pardoned Life Lived (2:3-6)

(1 John 2:3 NKJV) Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

(1 John 2:4 NKJV) He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Context Habitual Sin – Walking / Not the Struggle / Keep Confessing – Cleansing / Conformed

Reminder back to last study, these 4 evidence are to be taken in the context of a continual, habitual lifestyle. Back in verse 7 of chapter 1 it says if we walk.....which speaks of something that we continually do, for walking is something that we do as part of our life. This is not the struggle and battle against the flesh that we wage daily, but that continual unrepentant disregard for God and His Word. As we said in chapter 1, you keep confessing, you keep agreeing, and God keeps cleansing, and as He cleans the junk and gunk out of our bodies, those things get cleaned out and cleared out, and we become more and more like Him, as we become conformed into His image.

1 John 1:7 (NKJV) ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:9 (NKJV) ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 2:5 NKJV) But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

(1 John 2:6 NKJV) He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Jesus Said if we Love Him

Jesus said if we love Him than we should keep His commandments:

(John 14:15 NKJV) "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Tall Order – Impossible / But Give a Helper

What a tall order, an impossible order, but the next verses He says I won't leave you on your own in this matter, I'll send you a helper, speaking of the Holy Spirit:

*(John 14:16 NKJV) "And I will pray the Father, **and He will give you another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever;*

(John 14:17 NKJV) "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

(John 14:18 NKJV) "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

(John 14:19 NKJV) "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

(John 14:20 NKJV) "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

(John 14:21 NKJV) "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

(John 14:22 NKJV) Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

(John 14:23 NKJV) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

(John 14:24 NKJV) "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

(John 14:25 NKJV) "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

*(John 14:26 NKJV) **"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.***

Parakletos / Same John 15&16 / After I Leave – HS Comes to Help / Reside in You / HS Whispers

This word for helper is the same word used for "advocate here in verse 1 (parakletos, par-ak'-lay-tos). It is also used in John 15 & 16 and there it is speaking again of the Holy Spirit. So Jesus is saying after I leave you, the Holy Spirit will come and take up residence within you. The Holy Spirit will empower you to overcome sin in your life. The Holy Spirit will be your teacher and teach you of all truths concerning the Word. But before you receive Jesus, it is the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, testifying, hey you need a Savior, your sin separates you from the Holy God. Without the Holy Spirit whispering to us, we would be clueless of who God is. Truly man doesn't seek after God, it is God drawing man.

(Romans 3:10 NKJV) As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;

(Romans 3:11 NKJV) There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

*(John 15:26 NKJV) **"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.***

(John 15:27 NKJV) "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

*(John 16:7 NKJV) "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.***

(John 16:8 NKJV) "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

(John 16:9 NKJV) "of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

(John 16:10 NKJV) "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

(John 16:11 NKJV) "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

(John 16:12 NKJV) "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

(John 16:13 NKJV) "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

(John 16:14 NKJV) "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

(John 16:15 NKJV) "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

(John 16:16 NKJV) "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

The Trinity / Finite Minds / All 3 are Active

The trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: God in 3 persons. One God, yet 3 distinctive persons; Our finite minds truly cannot comprehend this, we must receive it by faith. But again, I find it is the things that I cannot explain, fully understand, that are the most powerful things in my life. Walking in faith, and living a life of faith is exciting and joyous. This trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, they are all active in our lives from calling us out of sin, to receiving salvation, to helping us everyday in our daily lives conforming us into the very image of God.

Jesus Advocate/Propitiation for Salvation – Now Intercedes

Jesus is our advocate/helper before the Father and He is continually before the Father making intercession for us. Jesus was our Advocate/helper to get saved, and then He continues on our behalf to conform us into the image of God after we are saved, interceding to continue our communion with God..

Vertical - Horizontal

I refer you back to our last study, the vertical and horizontal relationship with God. Vertical is our relationship as adopted children (which is a guarantee forever), and horizontal is our relationship with God as husband and wife (and sin causes tension in relationships and must be addressed):

(1 John 1:9 NKJV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(1 Timothy 2:5 NKJV) For there is one God and **one Mediator** between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,
(1 Timothy 2:6 NKJV) who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,*

(Hebrews 7:24 NKJV) But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

*(Hebrews 7:25 NKJV) Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, **since He always lives to make intercession for them.***

(Romans 8:26 NKJV) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

*(Romans 8:27 NKJV) Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, **because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***

Satan Accuser / Boldly Come / He Lives to make Intercession

Satan is the accuser, Jesus is the excuse her. Christian if you ever feel that you can't talk to God about this because you have blown it so badly and He doesn't want to hear about it anymore, or He is so upset with you for blowing it again, remember if any man sins we have an advocate with the Father, and His case is based on what He did there on the cross, not what we do. So we can boldly come now before the throne of grace and find mercy and help in our time of need. Jesus Christ lives to make intercession for evermore:

(Hebrews 4:16 NKJV) Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Difference Between Conviction - Condemnation

Remember Christian the difference between conviction and condemnation. Conviction comes from the Lord, and condemnation comes from the devil. You will know the difference between the two because conviction will draw you to the Lord, and you will want talk about these things so you can overcome these things. Condemnation comes from the devil, and condemnation drives you away from the Lord so that you will be out there all alone, and the devil could have his way with you. So if you feel so bad that you don't want to come unto the Lord, that is the devil and his condemnation, don't listen to him, run to the throne of grace and confess you sin before the Lord and let Him minister to you. As you run to the throne of grace, you will find that Jesus is already there praying for you.

Back to the Trinity:

HS Dwells in Us – Continually Working to Conform Us

The Holy Spirit is dwelling in us, and He continually is working in us to conform us into the image of God.

Spirit sent by Father / Father Sent the Son / The Father Loves Us – Sends Best

And it is important to see there in John 15:26, that the Spirit is sent to us from the Father.

- The Father sends the Spirit, the Father is for us.
- The Father sent His only begotten Son. The Father loves us so much that He gives us the Son and the Spirit.

I say that so no one gets the idea of Him being the mean judge just waiting to crush us for our failures. **No He loves us so much that He sends His best** so that we might have life (eternal life through salvation), and that more abundant (victory over sins that rob and hurt us).

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(John 3:16 NKJV) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Gets Better

It gets even better.

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(John 14:19 NKJV) "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

*(John 14:20 NKJV) "At that day you will know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.***

HS Dwells / Jesus in Father / Jesus in Us / So Father in Us / Trinity In Us / Enveloped

Abide means to live in, So the Spirit will live in you after you accept Christ (v.16-17), and follow verse 20, Jesus is in the Father, we are in Jesus, and Jesus is in us, and since the Father is in Jesus that means the Father is in us; So the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are all in us, and we are in them, we are enveloped (in and out) by God.

What Sin Struggling With / What Power / Nothing we Can't Overcome

What sin are you struggling with, what power could it possibly have against you. We are enveloped by God, God is in us, and we are in Him, there is nothing that can overcome us. What could possibly touch us, Satan, the enemies of God, they are nothing compared to God in us.

What Problem

For that matter, what could possibly get us discouraged, depressed? What problem could possibly overcome us? We have the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit living inside us, and we are living in them.

Orphans

Jesus said He would not leave us orphans. God didn't then build us and orphanage, He became the orphanage, that we might dwell in Him, and He in us

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What is Your Need / He is Able / He is There / Power of the Universe

What is your need today, He is able to meet that need in your life. Do you need a Loving Father, He is right there. Do you need a friend, He is right there. Do you need someone to help you, He is right there. The Power of the Universe is available to us, for anything and all things of our lives. He Loves you, could there be any doubt left after this study?

We will pick back up here in the next study as this thought flows through these 4 Evidences, as we will look at this debt of love on our behalf.

Inside Out & Outside In (completely enveloped)

In Him, we are in Him and He is in us. We are completely absorbed!

Conclusion

Outline: The Pardoned Life (1 John 2:1-6)

- The Charges (2:1a)
- The Lawyer (2:1b)
- The Sentence (2:2)
- The Pardoned Life Lived (2:3-6)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)

- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need