

Evidence for Assurance Conviction Against Sin 1 John 1:5 – 2:2

Today we are continuing with the **FOURTH** of these signs...

“CONVICTION AGAINST SIN”

→ ***Pic – Evidence for Assurance - Conviction***



What is sin?

Every heresy has its roots planted in a defective view of sin.

Did God create sin?

NO!

But in order for us to freely choose to have relationship with Him and follow Him He created us as FREE MORAL AGENTS...

1 John 1:5 (ESV) — 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

ONE THING

Sin is any FAILURE to CONFORM to the MORAL law of God.

1 John 1:6–2:2 (ESV) — If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

In these verses John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, teaches us about the realities of sin and the dangers of self-deception...

1. The OUTWARD view of Sin

1 John 1:6 (ESV) — If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

➤ **Review your ACTIONS**

2 Timothy 3:1–5 (ESV) — But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

Romans 7:14–18 (ESV) — For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

➤ **Biblical response is HONESTY**

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

Romans 7:21–23 (ESV) — So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and

making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Romans 7:24–25 (ESV) — Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God.

1. The OUTWARD view of Sin

2. The INWARD view of Sin

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

➤ **Review your ATTITUDES**

Matthew 15:7–9 (ESV) — You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: “ ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ”

→ God has a standard of what is Good and what is Evil

→ *Pic* - God's Ten Commandments

God's Standard of Good and Evil

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| 1. You shall have no other gods | 6. You shall not murder |
| 2. You shall have no idols | 7. You shall not commit adultery |
| 3. You shall not take God's name in vain | 8. You shall not steal |
| 4. Remember the Sabbath | 9. You shall not bear false witness |
| 5. Honor your father and mother | 10. You shall not covet |

Why did God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden?

Genesis 2:16–17 (ESV) — And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Genesis 3:1–4 (ESV) — 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

Genesis 3:5 (ESV) — For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

The result of this is that every person, playing god, sets their own standard...

God has a standard and you have a standard of what is good and what is evil...

➤ **ANY standard other than GOD’S standard is SIN!**

➤ **Biblical response is HUMILITY**

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

Isaiah 57:15 (ESV) — For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Hebrews 5:14 (ESV) — But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God.

1. The OUTWARD view of Sin

2. The INWARD view of Sin

3. The UPWARD view of Sin

1 John 1:10 (ESV) — If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

➤ **Review your AFFECTIONS**

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV) — The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

➤ **Biblical response is HOLINESS**

1 John 2:1–2 (ESV) — My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Philippians 2:12b–13 (ESV) — ... Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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Sin is any _____ to _____ to the _____ law of God.

1. The _____ view of Sin

- **Review your _____**
- **Biblical response is _____**

2. The _____ view of Sin

- **Review your _____**
- **_____ standard other than _____ standard is _____!**
- **Biblical response is _____**

3. The _____ view of Sin

- **Review your _____**
- **Biblical response is _____**