

The Remedy for Sin

1 John 2.1-11

John is not excusing our sin or explaining it away.

He is giving a realistic explanation of our sin nature

He is offering a way out of the “sin cycle”

He is also telling us we will always battle our flesh

But (thankfully), we have an advocate with the Father who cleanses us when we confess!

THE NEED FOR CLEANSING

- Sin as Root
- Sin as Character
- Sin as Surprise

THE METHOD OF OUR CLEANSING

First, I have an *ADVOCATE* with the father

This word advocate is only used by John, only in the Gospel of John and here. This refers both to the HS in Jn 14,15 and 16 and to JESUS here.

Paracletos: helper

Second, I have an *INTERCESSOR*.

He steps in between me and the devil and pleads my cause

Third, I have a *PROPITIATION*

He was and is the receptacle for all of God's wrath for every sin for every human ALL TIME

1. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be “struck down,” “afflicted,” “smitten,” “punished,” and “crushed” by God for our sins, rebellion, and iniquities.
2. God made Jesus (who had no sin) to be sin for us, *so that in him we might become the righteousness of God*. (1 Cor 5:21).
3. Jesus died under the law for us, so now I belong not to death but to LIFE. *I LIVE to another* (Rom 7:4).
4. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us (Gal 3:13)
5. 5. Jesus is the “hilasterion”: the place of propitiation. He has become the eternal MERCY SEAT for everyone who confesses Him!

CONFESSION

Paul tells us in Romans 10.9-10:

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved!

For with the heart man believes under righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Confession is the doorway to everything that is good!

So the conclusion? (Two Greek words)

Confess: homologeo

I “agree” with the Holy Spirit that I am a sinner and need to be cleansed.

Cleanse: katheterize

When I confess, He “catharizes” my heart and makes me clean.