

# The Seriousness & Solution To Sin

1 John 1:5 – 2:2

## Clarity and intensity does not mean void of compassion and care

1992 observation of misleading packaging. For example, a box of well-known detergent that once held 61 ounces now contains only 55. Same size box, less soap. How something is wrapped doesn't always show us what's on the inside. – the same is true for people.

8 times the mention of sin is brought into the forefront of our thinking.

- Hypocrisy of Sin
- Dishonesty of Sin
- Being Empty from Sin

## **1 John 1:5 – 2:2**

### **BUT FIRST!!! GOD!**

How hopeless to see sin without seeing the solution to it!  
God does not have the solution, He is the solution.

- He is holy, we are not
- He is perfect, we are not
  
- We fall short, God does not
- We have sinned, God does not

## **THE LIGHT vs. 5**

*This is the message which we have heard from Him...*

Remember how the Gospel of John concludes.

**John 21:25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.**

### **John is NOT telling you what John thinks...**

He is telling you what he himself heard Jesus say.

- HIGH VIEW OF GOD'S WORD
- **DO NOT ADD TO IT!**
  - Confucius
  - Buddha
  - Mohamed
  - Mr. Smith
  - Sir Darwin

If anyone had "authority" in the church it was John... an Apostle, the only Apostle and yet doesn't give them something new or his own insight. He gives them the Word of God.

**HERE IT IS!!!**

**GOD - IS - LIGHT... *and in Him is no darkness...* AT ALL.**

**Light**

**Intellectually speaking (The power of understanding)**

Light = truth and darkness = ignorance or error

**Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

**Holiness, Purity, & Perfection, Majesty**

- Moral perfection – Holy... never an impure idea, action, or motive.

**Speaking of Morality**

Light = purity

Darkness = evil

**Night in shining armor, adversary is always dark and covered, hiding.**

**God *IS***

Absolute... IS!!!

No debate, not sometimes, not kind of... 100% all the time is LIGHT.

No darkness, at all! –

*“Some people change their ways when they see the light, others only when they feel the heat.” – Unknown*

Verbal **affirmations** must be followed with life's **actions**.

**Verses 6-7 Hypocrisy**

**Claim to have life in common with the Father**

**What does it mean to WALK in darkness?** (to live contrary or independent from God)

**John 3:19-20 “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.**

**Hypocrite** (The beacon light of Alexandria, architect Sostratos, mud and gold letters)

I love my kids but linger at the bar

I love my wife but flirt with office ladies

I love the Lord but fill my mind with music and movies that are anti God and godliness.

**Affection vs. Love**

***And do not practice the truth (life)***

***Practicing the truth... do you PRACTICE righteousness?***

***Practice (hard work) beats talent every day***

**2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.**

Fellowship, to be in sync with and to have life in common with one another.

### **Military Marching Group**

**We lie – you do not love the Lord until you live your life with the Lord.**

Slip in the mud vs. lay down and roll in it.

**2 Peter 2:22** But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.” (Proverbs 26:11)

**Do you sense the conviction and leading of the Holy Spirit? At all?**

- What to stop doing
- What to step out and start doing

**“Talk the talk, walk the walk.”**

**James 2:19-20** You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

This is not a heavy handed **accusation**, rather a sincere call to **evaluation**.

There is an invitation and call to come out of darkness... to actually know and walk with God.  
*If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.*

**IMPORTANT:** We walk in the light, NOT to get to Him but to be WITH Him.

Kid going to Home Depot with dad

**Walk in the light... live in a way where you have no fear of being caught, spied on.**

### **Verses 8-10 Dishonesty & Empty**

8 & 10 are almost two sides to the same coin.

8. These are not conflicting concepts but complimentary truths.

- The question is not “have you sinned?”
- The questions is, “Have your sins been forgiven?”

**NO CHEEP GRACE**

**GOD IS NOT GULLIBLE (Proverbs 1)**

### **False teaching in the churches**

Body (physical) sin vs. Spiritual sin

Think again of the garden... physical action with spiritual ramifications

**I can do what I want as long as I love God in my heart?**

You may not love God as much as you think you do.

## Presumptuous Sins

*Presumptuous sins are deliberate. They are committed with the full knowledge that they are sins and in full light of what God has said. Presumptuous sins are premeditated. There is intent to sin and a time of deliberation before the act. Those who sin presumptuously say, in effect, "I'm going to do this, and nothing is going to stop me. I know what God says about it, and I don't care if it's wrong. I'm going to do it anyway."*

**"Who can discern his errors? Clear thou me from hidden faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression" (Psalm 19:12-13).**

- **Sin as an unbeliever** – you are not good with God.

**Isaiah 59:1-3 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity.**

- **Sin as a believer** – broken fellowship with the Father
- **Sin as a backslider** – you are miserable in your sin and you will stay that way until you come back to The Father.
  - The Holy Spirit will NOT allow you to live in sin for very long
  - There is NOTHING that the Holy Spirit cannot free you of and walk you through. – Hooked on Cocaine (GOD IS ALL IN)

**Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

**Don't fix sin  
Don't hide sin  
Confess sin!**

**Confess:** to say the same thing as another, not to refuse, to admit or declare one's self as guilty of what they are accused of.

**(Courtroom – How do you plead?)**

## Faithful & Just

**Faithful: True to His Word**

**Yes be yes, no be no**

**Jeremiah 31:34 ... For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."**

**2 Timothy 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.**

**Just: Does what is RIGHT.** Speaks to issues of the law, righteousness being broken.

**The only reason 9 is true is because of 5**

How can 6-7 be true in light of 8 & 10

The expectation/measuring rod, acid test is not perfection but sincerity... yes Lord you know I love you. (GREAT – LET'S GO!)

*Sometimes we want to sit around a mope over how bad we are when the Lord wants you to get up and start walking again.*

**Blood of Christ has cleansed us**

*Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

*“God does more than forgive, He erases the stain of sin.”*

**Dog runs out and get's blasted by a skunk... that's ok, and then washed.**

**BLOOD**

NOT TIME SERVED

NOT WORKS OF SERVICE

NOT MONEY GIVEN... BLOOD!

Buying forgiveness

Going to confession

**1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,**

**VERSES 2:1-2**

An advocate – you have someone interceding for you!!! Meet with Him  
(The intercessor of your soul)

**Propitiation: satisfied that law of God**

Expiation = act of satisfying or paying a penalty for something and thus removing it from consideration against us. (Christ & The Cross)

Propitiation: Is God being appeased... no longer angry with the wicked.  
You are forgiven and cleansed.

**IMMEDIATELY STOP TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO IS SAVED AND NOT SAVED  
RIGHT AWAY, WORK OUT IF YOU ARE SAVED OR NOT.**

DECIDE!

**Are you really in fellowship with God?**

We all have sin.

The questions not if you have sinned.

The question is, have your sins been forgiven... GO TO GOD! COME TO JESUS!