

The Book of First JOHN

Chapter 2:1-11

“The Love of God!”

I) The Love of God for Us! (v1-2)

> Understanding Sin:

1- Sin is Lawlessness.

2- Sin is falling short of the glory of God.

3- Sin is rebellion against God.

4- Sin is unbelief; it makes God a liar.

5- Sin is going your own way, planning your life according to your own will, without seeking the will of God.

6- All unrighteousness is sin.

“Sin is a folly to deceive you, a force to destroy you, and a fact to condemn you. Sin is a volitional act of disobedience against the revealed will of God.” (Sin-sational sins – 1 Cor. 6:9-12; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8, Breaking the Ten Commandments – Ex. 20)

- **JESUS our ADVOCATE** - “One who pleads another's cause before a tribunal or judicial court.”

- **JESUS our PROPITIATION** - The atoning death of Jesus on the cross, through which He paid the penalty demanded by God because of man's sin, thus setting mankind free from sin and death. (Romans 3:21-23; 5:12-21; Hebrews 2:14-3:1)

- **JESUS says “NOT GUILTY!”**- John 8:1-12; Luke 23:33-43.

II) The Love of God for One Another! (v3-11)

How to Love One Another:

> Right Way

#1- Keep His Commandments - “orders”

#2- Walk in Love - “heart”

#3- Be Truthful- “mind”

#4- Let your light shine- “attitude”

#5- Love your brother- “will”

> Wrong Way

“Options”

“If they love me”

“Deception/Manipulation”

“Negative/Critical”

“Selfish/Uncaring”

Conclusion: *Loving Jesus is the only Way!* - By Corrie Ten Boom