

**Sin and Assurance with God—Part 3**  
**Series: Blessed Assurance – A Study of I John**  
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**Text:** I John 1:5-10, I John 2:1-2

- The letter of I John is all about assurance.
- John identifies 3 signs of someone who doesn't know God—even though they may think they do.

**1. You don't know God if... you continue to sin**

*<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup>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, purifies us from all sin.*

**2. You don't know God if... you say you have no sin**

*<sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.*

The first sign of God's grace is you get a sense of how sinful/wicked your heart is.

**3. You don't know God if... you have no confidence before God because of your sin**

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. - I John 2:1-2*

“The gospel requires you believe two really difficult things: that you are so bad Jesus had to die for you, that he was so gracious he was glad to die for you.” – Tim Keller