

Jesus Christ was from the beginning of creation, manifested into this life to become **that eternal life** for us (v. 2). To understand and evaluate our eternal life is the main purpose of 1 John (5:13). These truths can bring us into fellowship (*oneness*) with God the Father, Jesus the Son, the Holy Spirit of God, and each other (v. 3, 7) and cause us to be full of joy. God is light and having fellowship with Him means we walk in that light with Him. It is a black and white issue...light vs. darkness (v. 6-7). While God is a God of grace and mercy, He also operates in the realm of what is _____ (Jn. 8:31-32). Our fellowship with Him may be unbroken for long stretches, but what breaks it is our sin. That is where the preserved words of this book lead us today. The saintliest of men throughout the ages have been deeply conscious of their own sinfulness. And God on His part has always provided a way for us to return from sin to Him in fellowship.

SIN AND OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD – 1 John 1:8 - 2:2

1. Our Sin – 1:8-10

- **We can** _____ ourselves about our sin and hinder our fellowship with God – v. 8; 1 Tim. 2:14; Gen. 27:12; Ob. 1:3; Rom. 7:11; Gal. 6:3, 7; James 1:22, 4:17; 2 Cor. 10:12.
- **We can** restore fellowship with God by simply being honest with Him about our sin... _____ – v. 9a; Lk. 18:9-14.

David (Ps. 32:5, 51:1-4, 139:23-24) =

Isaiah (Is. 6:1-8) =

Paul (Rom. 7:10-25) =

- **God is always faithful and just** to forgive us our sins and restore our fellowship with Him... _____ – v. 9b; 3; Mal. 3:6.

Faithful (1 Cor. 1:9; Jn. 8:10-11) =

Just (Rom. 3:26, 14:4) =

Cleanseth us from _____ unrighteousness (1 Jn. 5:11) =

There is no more sacrifice to be made for our sins except to see them from God's vantage, agree with God about them, and say the same thing God says about them (Heb. 10:26) =

- **We can** make God a liar when we say our sins or _____ sins are not a problem with Him – v. 10; 1 Jn. 5:13; Ps 14:3; Rom. 3:10-19; Num. 23:19; Tit. 1:2; Is. 5:20.

2. Our Advocate for Our Sin – 2:1-2

- John is writing these things to all who are born again (*little children*) to help us _____ to sin – 1a; Matt. 18:3.

- Jesus Christ is our _____ true advocate when we sin – 1b; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:24-25, 9:24.

Advocate (Rom. 8:32-34) =

Advocate with the Father (1 Jn. 3:1) =

Advocate against Satan's _____ (Rev. 12:10; Job 1:6-12, 2:1-6) =

- Jesus Christ is the _____ propitiation for our sin – v. 2; Jn. 14:6.

Propitiation (Rom. 3:25-26; 1 Jn. 4:10) =

For the sins of the _____ world (2 Pet. 2:1-2) =

- Consider the realities that the advocacy and propitiation of Jesus Christ bring to _____ life:

Redeemed =

Forgiven =

Reconciled =

Justified =

Circumcised =

Regenerated =

Accepted (Eph. 1:6) =

Destined (Rom. 8:18, 29-30) =