



Jesus Defends Sinners

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1 John 2:1-2

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REVIEW — Let's remember what we have learned ... 1:5-10

Test #1 — Walking In The Light

The Message — “God is **Light**, and in Him is **no darkness** at all.” v. 5

The Marks — How do I know if I am saved? vs. 6-10

- 1) If you walk in the light (i.e. saved) you **LIVE** differently. vs. 6-7
- 2) If you walk in the light (i.e. saved) you view **SIN** differently. vs. 8-10

LESSON — Jesus Defends Sinners 2:1-2

I. JOHN'S PURPOSE — To Reinforce Our **DIRECTION** In Life v. 1

*“My little children I'm writing these things to you **so that you may not sin.**”*

The Positions We All Fear

That John is talking about **PERFECTIONISM** — I must be perfect and never sin.

That John is talking about **PASSIVISM** — I can't help that I sin.

The Problem We All Face — We **SIN**.

What is sin? (1 John 3:4)

Why should we take sin seriously?

1. Because it **INSULTS** the suffering and death of Christ. (1 John 3:8; Cf. Ephesians 5:25-27; Titus 2:14)
2. Because when we sin, we are acting the way **SATAN** acts. (1 John 3:8-9)
3. Because it jeopardizes our **ASSURANCE** of salvation. (1 John 2:3-4, 3:14)

The Person We All Need — Jesus Christ our **DEFENDER**.

*“And if anyone sins, we have an **Advocate** (Parakletos) **with the Father**”* — Our defense attorney is **UNRELENTING**

*“... **Jesus Christ the righteous**; ...”* — Our defense attorney is **UNDEFILED**. (1 John 1:9,2:29, 3:7)

II. JOHN’S PERSPECTIVE — To Reveal We Have A **DEFENSE** In Heaven v. 2

*“And He himself is the **propitiation** for our sins...”*

The Term — What is propitiation? (Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:2, 4:10; Hebrews 2:17)

1. There is an **OFFENSE** (sin) that has incurred penalty.
2. There is an **OFFENDED** person (God) whose anger must be satisfied.
3. There is an **OFFENDING** person (us) who needs to be pardoned and accepted.
4. There is an **OFFERING** (sacrifice) that satisfies God resulting in our pardon and acceptance to God.

The Truth — Who did Jesus die for?

1. The Source of Propitiation — *“And **He himself** is the propitiation for our sins; ...”*
2. The Scope of Propitiation — *“and not for ours only, but **also for those of the whole world**.”*
 - This is not about **UNIVERSALISM**. (Cf. John 3:16-18)
 - This is not about **LIMITED (DEFINITE)** atonement.
 - This is about the **SUFFICIENCY** of propitiation (Cf. John 10:15-16; Revelation 5:9)

Conclusion — What changes will this make in our lives?