

Sermon: Not Sinless, But Forgiven

Text: [I John 2:1-11 ESV](#)

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Introduction: [I John 2:1-2 ESV](#) 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice, NIV) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

I. There Is a _____ for the Christian Who Sins ([vv. 1-2](#)).

A. We Have an _____.

B. We Have an _____ Sacrifice.

II. There Are _____ from Our Relationship with God ([vv. 3-6](#)).

A. We _____ His Commandments.

B. We _____ in Our Walk.

III. There Is Nothing _____ Really ([vv. 7-11](#)).

A. God Has Been Giving the Same _____.

B. There Are Only Two _____ in Life.

Conclusion: Confession which is born out of repentance and a heart that abides in God's love cleanses us because of Jesus' blood sacrifice for all our sins. Jesus is our Advocate. He will defend us and comfort us always, if we will truly love only Him!

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Christ Our Advocate

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

The New Commandment

7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. 8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because[a] the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him[b] there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Footnotes:

[a] 1 John 2:8 Or that

[b] 1 John 2:10 Or it