

1 John: The Signs of Life

1:1-2:2 Summary (“Fellowship”)

- 1:1-4, Objective: Fellowship
- 1:5-2:2, Obstacle: Sin

2:3-5:12, Exposition (“Know”)

2:3-28, First Cycle

- :3-6, Righteousness
- :7-17, Love
- :18-28, Belief

2:29-4:6, Second Cycle

- 2:29-3:10a, Righteousness
- 3:10b-24a, Love
- 3:24b-4:6, Belief

4:7-5:12, Third Cycle

- 4:7-5:1, Love and Belief
- 5:2-5, Love, Righteousness, and Belief
- 5:6-12, Witnesses to Love, Righteousness, and Belief

5:13-22, Closing Summary and Exhortation

Understanding and Dealing with Sin

Things to Look For

- Where in the gospels did the Lord Jesus teach that “God is light”?
- What are the three kinds of sin to which we are vulnerable?
- How should we deal with each of these kinds of sin?
- For what kinds of sin has God not provided a remedy?

The Message which we have Heard of Him ... When did John hear this?

The Lord Jesus revealed the Father:

Jhn 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, **he hath declared him.**

Jhn 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;** and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

The Lord Jesus is light with no darkness:

Jhn 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world:** he that followeth me shall not walk in **darkness**, but shall have the light of life.

Jhn 9:5 As long as I am in the world, **I am the light of the world.**

Therefore ...

Jhn 12:44 Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. 46 I am come a **light** into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in **darkness.**

1 John 1:6-2:2, Dealing with Sin

		1:6-7 Deliberate Sin	1:8-9 Discovered Sin	1:10-2:2 Dark Sin
1st Condition: The Problem	Claim of spiritual health: "if we say ..."	:6 if we say that we have fellowship ... walk in darkness	:8 if we say that we have no sin	:10 if we say that we have not sinned
	Danger of deception	we lie	we deceive ourselves truth is not in us	we make him a liar his word is not in us
	Exhortation			2:1 My little children ... do not sin
2nd Condition: The Solution	Condition	:7 if we walk in the light	:9 if we confess our sins	2:1 if any man sin (!)
	Remedy	we have fellowship ... the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us	he is faithful and just to forgive ... cleanse ...	:2 we have an advocate with the Father

Some References

6 we lie, and do not the truth

Jhn 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and **what communion hath light with darkness?**

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light

Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Jhn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word. ... 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

1Jn 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

8 ... we have no sin

John 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, **If ye were blind, ye should have no sin:** but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

John 15:22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, **they had not had sin:** but now they have no cloke for their sin. ... 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, **they had not had sin:** but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.



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but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

How are we cleaned from sin?

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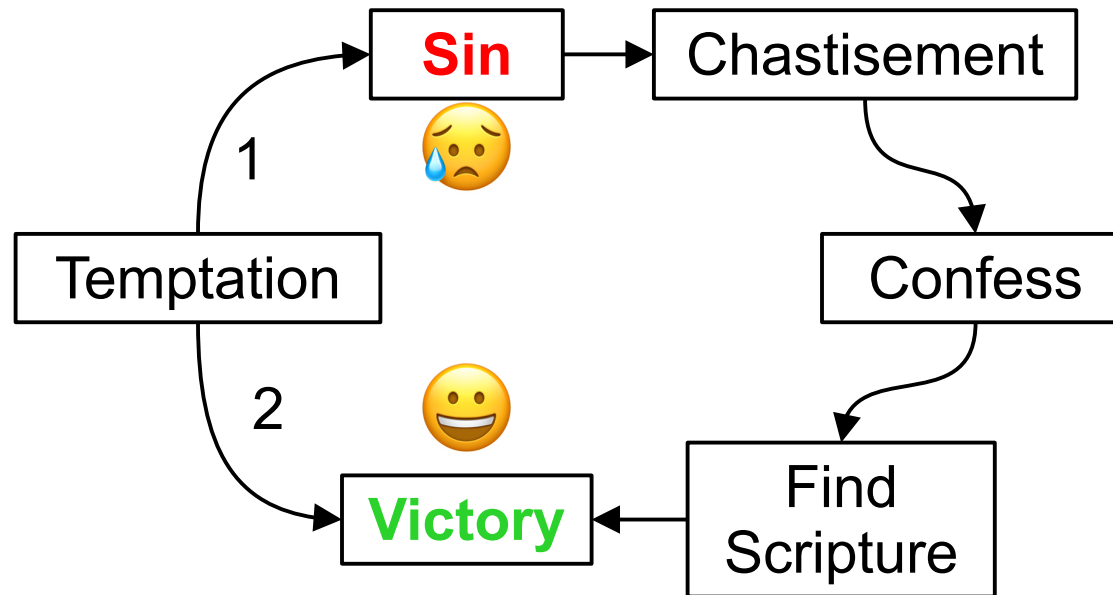
Thayer: “to say the same thing as another, i. e. to agree with, assent”

→ How can we agree with God?

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, **It is written (Deut 8:3)**, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Mat 4:7 Jesus said unto him, **It is written again (Deut 6:16)**, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Mat 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for **it is written (Deut 6:13-14)**, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.



More References

9 faithful and just

Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, **forgiving [bearing] iniquity and transgression and sin**, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, **to declare his righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: **that he might be just**, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

10 we make him a liar

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: (Eccl 7:20)

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (Psa 14:2-3; 53:2-3)

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; (Psa 5:9) with their tongues they have used deceit; (Psa 10:7)

the poison of asps is under their lips: (Psa 140:3)

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: (Psa 10:7)

15 Their feet are swift to shed blood:

16 Destruction and misery are in their ways:

17 And the way of peace have they not known: (Isa 59:7-8)

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. (Psa 36:1)

1Co 4:4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

And some more ...

2:1 my little children

Gal. 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

we have an advocate with the Father

Rom 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also **maketh intercession** for us.

Heb 7:24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to **make intercession** for them.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

What happened to my sin on Calvary?

- Cleansing (1:7, 9): remove **defilement**
- Redemption: purchase from a **rival power**
- Reconciliation: correct **alienation** from God
- Propitiation (2:2): appease the **wrath** of God

... the whole world

Psa 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

Psa 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.