

Christ & Sin

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

I. Light vs. Dark *(John 3:19-21) This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.*

A. Absence of truth ... sin hides, distorts, deceives

B. Absence of fellowship ... sin separates

C. Absence of Purification ... remain in sin / no salvation

(John 8:24) (Eph 5:8-12)

II. A Understanding of Sin

A. Minimizing Sin ... *Is it a big deal?*

(Rom 3:10-12) (James 2:10) (Rom 6:23a)

B. Rebellion ... *Am I really rebellious?* **Seven Submissions**

1. The Word of God

(1 Thes 2:13)

2. The Circumstances in my Life

(Job 2:10b and 1:21)

3. The Authority God has placed Over Me

- Government ... *(Rom 13:1-2)*
- Church leadership ... *(Heb 13:17)*
- Husband ... *(Eph 5:22-24)*
- Parents ... *(Eph 6:1)*
- ***A caveat*** ... *Always obey God above man when at odds!*

4. Before the Cross

- Who we are in relation to God ... Creator vs. creation *(Rom 9:20-21)*
- Lay our sins (and pride) at the cross ... we cannot **earn** salvation! *(Gal 2:16)*

5. The Calling on my Life

(Jer 10:23) (Gal 2:20) (1 Peter 3:15a) (Philip 1:21)

6. The Leading of the Holy Spirit

(Gal. 5:16) (1 Thes 5:19)

7. To One Another *(Eph 5:21) (Philip 2:3)*

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III. The Solution

A. The Atoning Sacrifice ...

1. Brings forgiveness ... *(Col 1:13-14) (Eph 1:7)*

2. Faithful ... *(1 John 5:13)*

3. Just ... payment was necessary ... **Judge story**

4. Purifies ... *(1 Cor 6:11) (2 Cor 5:21) (Psalm 103:12)*

B. An Advocate ... *as our High Priest*

- He intercedes for us *(Rom 8:34) (Rev. 3:5)*
- He gives us grace to overcome ... *so we don't keep sinning ...*

(Heb 4: 14-16) (1 Cor 10: 13)

(1 Peter 2:9-10) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.