

July 16 2017
I John 1:1 – 2:2

DEALING WITH SIN AND GUILT

I. Introduction:

II. Prologue: Jesus is _____

1] That which was from the beginning, which we have **heard**, which we have **seen** with **our eyes**, which we have **looked** at and **our hands** have **touched**—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2] The life appeared; we have **seen** it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has **appeared to us**. 3] We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4] We write this to make our joy complete. I John 1:1-4

III. Traps That We As Believers Fall Into:

A. Trap #1 _____ Lying To _____

6] **If we claim** to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.” I John 1:6

Escaping the Trap: _____

7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” I John 1:7

B. Trap #2 _____ Lying To

8] “**If we claim** to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” I John 1:8

Escaping the Trap _____

9] “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9

C. Trap #3 _____ Lying To

10] “**If we claim** we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.” I John 1:10

Escaping the Trap _____

1] “¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.” I John 2:1

2] He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for^[a] the sins of the whole world.” I John 2:2

IV. Conclusion and Application:

- Examine your heart and life before God
- Meditate on Confession and Christ's atoning sacrifice for sin
- Thank God for His amazing Grace

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of July 16th to 22nd
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Open It

1. *Why might it be hard for someone to admit that he or she was wrong about something?
2. About what do we tend to deceive ourselves?
3. When and why might someone need an attorney?

Explore It

4. What was from the beginning? (1:1)
5. What contact did the writer and this community of believers have with the Word of life? (1:1)
- 6.. *How did God reveal Himself to us? (1:2)
7. What was being proclaimed by this community of believers? (1:2)
8. Where had the eternal life been, and to whom had it appeared? (1:2)
- 9 .Why were the author and his fellow believers telling others about Christ? (1:3)
- 10 .*With whom did this community of believers have fellowship? (1:3)
11. *Why was this letter written? (1:4)
12. What message did the writer hear and declare? (1:5)
13. *What inconsistency did John address? (1:6)

14. What results from "walking in the light"? (1:7)
15. *How were some believers apparently deceiving themselves? (1:8)
16. What is the result of confessing one's sins? (1:9)
17. In what way can a person make God out to be a liar? (1:10)
18. *Why did John write this letter? (2:1)
19. For whom is Jesus an atoning sacrifice? (2:2)

Get It:

20. What do you think the terms "Light" and "darkness" represent?
21. In ways is God similar to light?
22. In what way do we "walk in darkness"?
23. How can we walk in the light?
24. Why is confession of sin important?

Apply It:

25. What steps will you take this week to walk in the light?
26. What will you do to incorporate confession of sin into your daily spiritual walk with the Lord?