

**FOR THE BROTHERS:
A STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JAMES, JOHN, JUDE
AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017**

**John: Dealing with Sin
I John 1:5-2:6
January 12, 2017**

1:5-7 **I. True believers walk in the light.**

1:5 A. God is light

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1:6 B. Fellowship with God requires walking in the light

⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1:7 C. Fellowship with believers requires walking in the light

⁷But 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 cleanses us from all sin.

1:8-10 **II. True believers confess their sins**

1:8 A. Denial of sin reveals self-deception

⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1:9 B. Confession brings great blessing

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1:10 C. Claims of sinless perfection make God a liar

¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1,2 **III. True believers trust in Christ's saving work**

2:1 A. He is our Advocate

¹My 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.

2:2 B. He is our Propitiation

²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

2:3-6 **IV. True believers keep His commandments**

³ *And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.*

2:4 A. Rebellious worshippers are hypocrites

⁴ *Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,*

2:5,6 B. Obedience brings blessing

2:5a 1. The love of God is perfected

^{5a} *but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.*

2:5b,6 2. Our assurance is strengthened

^{5b} *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.*