

THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 1:8-10

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Sin Forgiven, Forever!”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

SUBJECT REFERENCE:

Forgiveness, Confession, Fellowship, Revival

1 John 1:8-10

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Reviewing 1 John 1:1-7

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have **heard**, which we have **seen** with our **eyes**, which we have **looked** upon, and our **hands** have **handled**, concerning the Word of life-- 2 the life was manifested, and we have **seen**, and **bear witness**, and **declare** to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was **manifested** to us-- 3 that which we have **seen** and **heard** we **declare** to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. 5 This is the message which we have **heard** from Him and **declare** to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we **have fellowship** with Him, and **walk** in darkness, we lie and do not **practice** the truth. 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 Christ His Son **cleanses** us from all sin.

Verse 7

“and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son **cleanses** us from all sin.”

In The Old Testament Economy

The High Priest (with Blood in Hand) was to Enter the Temple,
into the Holy of Holies Once a Year
and Only on the Day of Atonement - Yom Kippur!

The blood of the sacrificed Lamb was to "cover" the sins of the people
which they had already committed... their sins of the past!

But Their Was a Limitation

Hebrews 10:3-4

But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sin every year. 4 Because it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could **take away** sins.

Hebrews 9:11-14

11 But Christ came as High Priest of better things to come, with the greater and more perfect temple not made with human hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with **His own blood** He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a Red heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleansing your conscience from sinful living to serve the living God?

Our Salvation is Solely Based

Upon the Performance of Jesus Christ and His Presentation of His Own Blood before
God the Father in Heaven...

Hebrews 9:24

For Christ did not entered the holy places made with human hands, which was just a copy of the actual, but into heaven itself, **now appearing in the presence of God for us**;

So Then, The Basis of Our Forgiveness,

Our Regeneration, and Our Fellowship With God is Grounded in the Fact that the
Blood of God the Son was offered up on Our Behalf On the Altar!

A Forever Priesthood

Hebrews 7:24-25

Jesus lives forever, and he has a permanent priesthood. 25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

A Forever Redemption

Ephesians 2:4-8

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

This Grace of Ours,

Cost God All That He Had, He Suffered, That We Would Not!

It Cost Him Everything!

That fellowship might be Reestablished between
The Creator God and Created Man

Entering Into His Rest

Hebrews 4:9-10

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

Sin Forgiven, Forever!

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

a.) The Reality is, We Sin Because We're Sinners	v.8
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If we say that we have **no sin**,

Notice the Word 'Sin' Here



sin grk 266 hamartia (**ham-ar-tee'-ah**);
to offend by nature, to be offensive. born offensive

This is Not

hamartano (**hamar-tan'-o**);
to miss the mark, to err, faults, mistakes, trespasses.

This Is

hamartia (**ham-ar-tee'-ah**);
meaning, we were born

Our Inheritance

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 **For as in Adam all die**, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Our Fallen Nature

Genesis 2:17

"but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

A Gnostics Rebuttal

John was writing in Rebuttal to the Doctrine of the Gnostics.

Gnosticism had crept into the church and was beginning to undermine the Believers assurance and Reality in Christ...

Gnosticism Taught

that the real Christian was sinless in this life because once you were born again, the material world around you no longer applied to you.

All Material Things Were Sinful
But a Christian was now a Spiritual Creature
So The World No Longer Applied to Him
They Denied the Bodily, Physical, Resurrection of Jesus

Jude Combats the Liberalism of His Day

Jude 1:3-4

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 8

If we say that we have no sin,

This An Awful Declaration

because a person who can say, "I Know No Sin" is a Person
on The Eve of Hell Itself.

To Announce That ~ "You're Not a Sinner"
Is The Ultimate Arrogance, And is Absolute Pride

Satan's Belief is This;

Isaiah 14:12-15

12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: '**I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will** be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Hell, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

Satan's Offspring Think The Same;

Mark 2:16-17

And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?" 17 When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

John 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

The Ultimate Arrogance is to Deny Your Need of Jesus.
To Die in That Condition, Is to Commit The Unpardonable Sin,
Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit - Rejection of the Spirit's Witness.

b.) The Reality, Self-Righteousness Means Going Blind

Verse 8

we **deceive** ourselves



deceive

grk 4105 planao (plan-ah'-o);

to roam away from safety, to go astray, to wander off the narrow path. To go out of bounds.

To See Your Self as Above Christ's Sacrifice

The Gate

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Blind Guides

Matthew 23:15-17

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. 16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.' 17 "Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?"

c.) The Reality is, Such a Person is Spiritually Dead to God

Verse 8

and the truth **is not in us**

Apply The Opposite

If The Truth is In Us,
Then We Will Agree and Confess That We Are Sinners

Sin Forgiven, Forever!

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2.) Results in Us Experiencing The Forgiveness of God v. 9

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

a.) Confession Results in Us Departing from the Sins v.9

If we confess our sins,

Notice the Word 'Sins' Here

it is in the plural, meaning more than one

This is "to miss the mark"
hamartano (hamar-tan'-o);
to miss the mark, to err, fault, mistake, trespass.

Romans 3:23

for all have (hamartano) sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

The Christian's Decision to Confess Sins Daily
Is Equal to a Non Christian Receiving Christ Once and For All

Often New Believers Will Come to the Altar to
"Receive Christ Again"

When in Reality, They Simply Need to Confess
and be forgiven

We Are To Keep The Pathway of Communication Open
Through The Confession of Our Daily Sins To Jesus
(Our Qualified Advocate)



confess

grk 3670 homologeo (hom-ol-og-eh'-o);

to assent, to acknowledge, to be in agreement. to say the same thing.

Confession of Sin Implies a Specific Naming of the sin to God

Example of Specific Confession

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Tell Him That You've fornicated, Tell Him That You've been an idolater,
Tell Him That You've Committed homosexuality, Tell Him That You've committed sodomy,
Tell Him That You've Stolen , Tell Him That You've coveted,
Tell Him That You've gotten drunk, Tell Him That You've...

1 Corinthians 6:11

...And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

The Confession of a Sin

Is To Result in a departure from that Sin

We Must Own Our Sin

Because You See The Sin as God Sees The Sin

Results in Us Experiencing the Forgiveness of God

b.) Forgiveness Is Guaranteed Because of His Sacrifice v.9

He is **faithful** and **just** to **forgive** us our sins

God, Who, Knowing Our Weaknesses, Has Provided a Means to Maintain Fellowship
With Us... - Confession!

(In The Positive)

#1 - Relationship Created, #2 - We're Declared Holy, #3 - We Sin, #4 - We Run to Him,
#5 - Fellowship Maintained, #6 - We Continue to Walk On in The Light.

(This is Fellowship With God)

(In The Negative)

#1 - Relationship Created, #2 - We're Declared Holy, #3 - We Sin, #4 - We Hide Rather
than Run to Him, #5 - Fellowship is Broken, #6 - We Continue On Walking in Darkness.

(Sadly, This is Broken Fellowship With God)



faithful

grk 4103 pistos (pis-tos');
absolutely trustworthy, completely sure, true.



just

grk 1342 dikaios (dik'-ah-yos);
equitable of character, fair in judgment



forgive

grk 863 aphiemi (af-ee'-ay-mee);
to send forth, to cry out, to send away

c.) Our Relationship To God is God Dependent

v.9

and to **cleanse** us from all **unrighteousness**.

He's Faithful, He's Just, He Forgives
and He Cleanses Us...



cleanse

grk 2511 katharizo (kath-ar-id'-zo);
to purge, to purify, to make new and fresh.

What Are We Cleansed From?



unrighteousness

grk 93 adikia (ad-ee-kee'-ah);

injustice, wrongfulness, to miss the moral standard.

Whatsoever is not righteous

There is Power in the Blood

Hebrews 9:14-15

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Ezekiel 18:4

For every living soul belongs to me saith the Lord, the father as well as the son-- both, alike, belong to me. And the soul that sins, it will surely die.

Romans 3:25-26

25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- Jesus Died For Us - Justifying Us
- Jesus Died For God - Vindicating His Word

The Emmaus Road Encounter

Luke 24:25-27

25 Then Jesus said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in **all that the prophets have spoken!** 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in **all the Scriptures** the things concerning Himself.

The Singularity of Christ's Position

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is **one** God and **one** Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all,

Psalm 32:5-6

Then I acknowledged my sin to God and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- **and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found...

Sin Forgiven, Forever!

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3.) Reveals If We Truly Belong to Him v. 10

If we say that we have not sinned,
we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

a.) Deception Leads to Spiritual Death v.10

If we say that we have not **sinned**,



If we say - assuming a denial, to deny what is the truth



sinned

grk 264 hamartano (ham-ar-tan'-o);

to miss the mark. To be disqualified from an event

b.) Spiritual Death Leaves Us Unable to Come to the Truth

Verse 10

we **make** Him a **liar**

To Think That You Don't Need Jesus is To Call God a Liar

2 Timothy 3:7

...always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

and His word is not in us

John 3:19-20

"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

Hebrews 6:4-6

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

Hebrews 4:1-3

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3 For we who have believed do enter that rest...

1 John 5:10

He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

John 5:37-40

37 "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. 39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

Let's Make This Perfectly Clear

#1

Jesus is The Sacrifice for All the Sins
of All Mankind Throughout All the Ages,

But #2

He is the Only Advocate For Those
Who Put Their Faith In Him.

John 3:16-18

"For God **so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.....
(corporately) "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world
through Him might be saved. (Personally) 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who
does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only
begotten Son of God.

Sin Forgiven, Forever!

Just the Beginning...