

Directional Church

1 John 1:10-2:17

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All Have Sinned

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

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

No one can be saved until they admit that they are a sinner.

No one can be found until they admit that they are lost.

Chapter 2

v.1 *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*

We were told in the first chapter the first reason why John wrote this letter which was, *“that your joy may be full.”*

Now here in verse one we see the second reason that John wrote this letter is *that ye sin not.*

In Matthew 5:48 Jesus says, *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

God requires perfection. Why? – Because He is perfect.

Is it possible for us to be perfect? – Yes, but only through the finished work of Christ.

Phil 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: That means that the Lord Jesus is our advocate and one day he will present us spotless to the Father.

Cf. Eph 5:25-27

Application: I've found that even though I know this, I still allow but sometimes I still allow Satan to step in and accuse me. He always attacks us the strongest after we've committed a sin. He attacks our feelings of shame and unworthiness.

Why? He wants to drive a wedge between me and God. He wants me to run away.

You can know when you are being attacked by Satan or when you're being convicted by the Holy Spirit by your reaction.

If you're tempted to run from God, the church, your brothers and sisters in Christ, it's the devil.

It's the opposite with God.

He is our Propitiation

v.2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Propitiation for our sins: Another way to translate this is that the Lord is our atonement.

It means that he was the appeasement in that he settled our sin debt.

Jesus did what we could not do by living a sinless life.

And He did not only do it for me and you, but the entire world.

Cf. John 3:16-17

Knowledge Produced Obedience

vv.3-5 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. (4) He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (5) But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

A true knowledge of God produces obedience.

Cf. John 14:21

Hos 6:6 *For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.*

And Jesus reiterated it again in Matt 9:13 *But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

“Mercy” in this verse means “faithfulness or obedience”.

He is our Example

v.6 *He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

God has called us to be like Jesus, not Mike!

Jesus said in John 13:15 *For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.*

Cf. John 15:4-8 tells us that “abiding” or “living in him” is what produces fruit in our lives.

Cf. Matt 7:16-20

So, vv. 3-6 assures that we love God if we obey His commands and imitate Christ.

While vv. 7-11 will show us that we have assurance that we love God if to love our fellow believers.

A New Commandment

vv.7-11 *Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. (8) Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. (9) He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. (10) He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. (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.*

Two things can be learned from these verses.

The first is found in vv.7-8: The commandment to love is both old and new.

Old = Lev. 19:18

New = John 13:34; 15:12

The old commandment told us to love our neighbor as ourselves while the new tells us to love them as Christ has loved us!

The second is found in vv.9-11: As Christians, we should not hate.

Illustration: Hate is like acid. It damages the vessel in which it is stored and destroys the object on which it is poured.

It kills both the person who you hate, and yourself.

It's been said that hating people is like burning down your own house to get rid of a rat.

Cf. 1 John 2:9-11; 3:10, 15; 4:20-21

Mar 11:25-26 *At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. (26) Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.*

We need to be honest with God and confess our feelings of hatred for another person, so that God can replace our hatred with His love.

Illustration: I've always believed that we should pray for our enemies until they become our friends.

Cf. Matthew 5:43-47

Cf. Matthew 5:21-24

How to Overcome Satan

vv.12-14 *I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. (13) I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. (14) I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.*

Wherever we are in the family of God, new or old, we can overcome Satan by: 1. remembering our salvation (v.12); 2. Remembering past spiritual victories (v.14); and by 3. abiding in God's Word (v.14)

The God of this World

vv.15-17 *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

I want to look at a few things about these verses.

1. **The world** (v.15)

(1) What is the world spoken of in v. 15?

cf. kosmos in the OT (universe) and thalassa in the NT (humanity or the world of men).

(2) What is so bad about the world (thalassa)?

It belongs to the devil (Jn. 12:31, 14:30, 16:7-11).

Cf. the self-will of Satan to the self-will of man.

Isaiah 14:12-14 (Sin began when Satan said, "I will").

Cf. Eze. 28:12-15

(3) How did the world (thalassa) come to belong to the devil?

When Adam and Eve chose to obey Satan instead of God in Gen. 3.

That's why the plan of redemption started in Gen. 3:15 thru Rev. 5:1-7

The second thing that I want to notice about these verses...

2. **The things of the world** (v.16)

(1) Lust of the flesh (passions)

(2) Lust of the eyes (possessions)

(3) Pride of life (position)

Topical Study on Temptation

How Temptation Comes

What are the temptations that the Devil looks to throw our way?

Cf. I John 2:15-17

In these verses we are clearly told not to *love the world or the things in the world*.

The Three P's

I want us to notice the three temptations that the Devil uses.

Lust of the flesh = Passions

Lust of the eyes = Possessions

Pride of Life = Position

Someone once said...

The lust of the flesh is the consuming desire to do.

The lust of the eyes is a compelling urge to have.

The pride of life is a constant thrust to be.

We all are tempted in these three areas.

Two Most Famous Temptations

To prove my point, we must look at two of the most famous temptations in the Bible.

We will first look at the temptation of Eve and then conclude with the temptation of Christ.

1. The Temptation of Eve

Cf. Genesis 3:1-6

2. The Temptation of Jesus

To further prove my point, we must also take a closer look at the temptation of Jesus.

Cf. Matthew 4:1-11

Notice that Jesus always responded with Scripture.

To respond with Scripture; one must know Scripture.

“It can't be remembered if it was never a memory.”

Temptation is Common to Man

I share these illustrations with you to prove that we are all tempted the same way.

Cf. I Cor. 10:13

Illustration: God will lower the gate of warning, sound the bell, flash the red light, but He will not keep you from crossing the tracks!”

The Solution Comes By Submission

James 4:7-10

We submit and draw near to God; we will pass the test!

End of Topical Study on Temptation