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THE LETTER OF I JOHN

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the

2 My 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 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³ And by

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What About Sin?

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I John 1:4 (ESV)

And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

I John 1:5-2:2 (ESV)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we 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

I John 1:5-2:2 (ESV)

⁷ another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar,

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¹⁰ and his word is not in us.

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Declaration: God is light!

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To think rightly about God you must
think rightly about sin.

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Contrast: We are darkness.

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“The idea of having no sin is a delusion; you are altogether deceived if you say so; the truth is not in you, and you have not seen things in the true light; you must have shut your eyes to the high requirements of the law, you must be a stranger to your own heart, you must be

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blind to your own conduct every day, and you must have forgotten to search your thoughts and weigh your motives, or you would have detected the presence of sin. He who cannot find water in the sea is not more foolish than the man who cannot perceive sin in his

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members. As the salt flavors every drop of the Atlantic, so does sin affect every atom of our nature.”

-Charles Spurgeon

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Hope: Jesus removes sin.

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“The test of whether you are a real Christian, *the* test of whether you have fellowship with God, the test of whether you understand the gospel or whether you’re just a nice person, a religious person, a moral person, but not a real Christian, not a person who

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understands the gospel ... How do you know the difference? It's how you experience sin and failure.”

-Tim Keller

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