

God's Desire and Provision for Us

I John 2:1-2
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I. Review

A. Three Main Sections

1. Fellowship with God who is light – vs. 1:5-2:28
2. Fellowship with God who is righteous – vs. 2:29-4:6
3. Fellowship with God who is love – vs. 4:7-5:3

B. A Closer look at 1:9-10

The message – v. 5

The test of our profession – vs. 6-8

Provisions for restoration of fellowship
– vs. 9-10

} Last weeks
outline

1. Our Responsibility – v. 9a

a. "*Confess*": to say the same thing about sin that God does.

b. II Corinthians 7:8-10

2. His responsibility – vs. 9b

a. "*Forgive us our sins*"

i. Psalm 86:3 "For Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive and abundant in loving kindness to all who call upon thee."

ii. Psalm 103:1-14

b. "*cleanse us from all unrighteousness*"

3. Consequences of dishonesty – v. 10

a. We make Him a liar

b. His word is not in us

c. Our prayer should be Psalm 139:23-24

II. Continuation of "Fellowship with God who is light" – 1:5-2:28

A. The grounds for Fellowship with God – vs. 2:1, 2

1. John's (God 's) desire – v. 1a

a. "*my little children*" – a term of endearment, not age

b. "*That you may not sin*"

i. Two reasons God does not want us to sin

- It violates His character – I Peter 1:15, 16; Psalm 5:5: "*Thou dost hate all who do iniquity.*"

- It violates His desire for us: The God who made us and bought us is holy thus we cannot sin and not be affected by it. Psalm 32:1-7; 51:1-13. Always put Holiness before Happiness

2. God's Provision – vs. 1b-2

a. Christ our Advocate – v. 1b

i. One summoned alongside (a helper in a lawsuit). Translated comforter in John 14:16-26; 15:26; 16:7

b. Christ our sacrifice – v. 2

i. Propitiation: (satisfaction). Jesus' work on Calvary satisfied the righteous demand of the Father. – I John 4:10; Romans 3:23-26

ii. His sacrifice is inexhaustible and eternally valid II Corinthians 5:14, 15, 19