

When You Sin

Text: 1 John 2:1-2

Topics: Propitiation, the Cross, Missions

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When you sin...

1. Rest in the _____ of your Advocate (1 John 2:1)
 - A. Advocate (greek - parakleton) Translated “helper,” “comforter,” “intercessor,” and “advocate.” NLT - “someone to plead for you” NIV84 - “one who speaks...in our defense.”
 - B. It is a legal word whereby Jesus testifies before the throne of God in favor of us - protecting us from our sins and their punishment.
 - C. “We have been assigned the greatest defense attorney in the universe, an Advocate who, every time we commit a crime against the divine, selflessly and justly “pleads” (Rom. 8:34) our case: “Father, I have suffered for this sinner. My righteousness is his now and forever.” (Douglass Sean O’Donnell, 1-3 John, *Reformed Expository Commentary*, pg. 35)

2. _____ your propitiation (1 John 2:2a)
 - A. Propitiation (greek - hilasmos) usually means the removal of God’s wrath by an acceptable offering. (Wrath removing sacrifice) “A sacrifice that bears God’s wrath and turns it to favor” (ESV Study Bible).
 - B. On the cross, Jesus turned away God’s righteous anger towards sin, satisfying the demands of divine justice, and absorbed our punishment as our substitute. God not only turned away his wrath, but through the blood of Jesus, wiped away all of your sin (1 John 1:7).

3. Reach out to all fellow _____ (1 John 2:2b)
 - A. This passage “cannot be pressed into meaning that all sins are automatically pardoned through the propitiation of Christ, but that a universal pardon is offered for (the sins of) the whole world and is enjoyed by those who embrace it.” - John Stott.
 - B. As partakers of this great salvation, we must labor hard to offer it to everyone in the world!

Application Questions

1. Why did John write this letter? (2:1)
2. Is there any room in the Christian's life for sin?
3. John calls Jesus the "Righteous One." Why is it important that Jesus be a perfect sacrifice?
4. What do the following passages have to say about the righteousness of Jesus and his sacrifice for sinners:
 - 1 Peter 3:18
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - Hebrews 7:25-27
5. For whom is Jesus an atoning sacrifice? (2:2)
6. In what way is Jesus like our attorney?
7. How does the realization that Jesus speaks "in our defense" provide comfort and assurance when you sin?
8. How does the concept of propitiation (or atoning sacrifice) help us understand the way Jesus "speaks" for us?
9. How do the following passages help to make sense of the phrase, "He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world."
 - 1 John 4:9
 - John 1:29
 - John 3:16
 - John 3:36
 - John 5:24
10. Who can you pray for/talk to this week that needs the propitiation of Christ in their lives?