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JOHN, THE APOSTLE OF LOVE
STUDIES IN THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

Week Four
LIVING FOR THE LORD

In the first chapter of 1 John we saw “If we say”.

1st John 1:10 “If we say we have not sinned...”

Chapter two speaks more of what we do. Vs. 1, “My little children these things I write unto you that _____. In other words, don't continue to live in sin, but live as a testimony to others that we are walking with the Lord. But knowing that we are yet sinners the Lord Jesus stands in our place and pleads our cause. 1st John 2:1: “My little children, these things write I unto you, _____. And if any man sin, we have _____ with the _____, Jesus _____ the _____. (Jesus Christ is the only one with a human body who could not and did not sin. Instead of the title “Advocate” today we use the term “Lawyer” or one who pleads our case before the Judge.

Though he came to earth and was given a body of flesh, He is still God. John 1:1, “And the _____ was _____ and dwelt _____. Therefore He could die to pay for our sins which are forgiven when we trust Christ by faith for salvation. Eph. 2:8 and 9: “For by grace through _____; and that of _____: it is the _____: Not of works, lest _____ should _____. Therefore, in verse 2 He is called the propitiation (the same word for atonement (Webster's dictionary) – to make amends for a wrong.) The Lord not only defends us, but pay for our sins. Every time we sin, Christ must appear before God as our defense attorney to plead our cause. The Father applies the blood of Christ to that sin so that we are maintained as sons of God. We can sing, “There is a fountain filled with blood... and sinners...lose all their guilty stains.”

John is not telling us we can go ahead and sin because Christ will take care of it, but so that we remember what sin does and seek to live a life of victory.

This kind of life is testimony that we are seeking to walk the walk – to walk in the light of the Word. So we must continue to read, study and memorize the Word of God so we can serve the Lord even though we are sinful creatures who do not deserve a loving Father, a wonderful Saviour, and a faithful Holy Spirit who lives within us.