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Lesson 6 — 1 John 2:1-17

- In chapter 1:5-10, John has corrected the false doctrine that the way we live has no bearing upon our fellowship with God.
- In Chapter 2, verses 1-17, John turns his attention from the unbelievers to re-assure his children (believers) in their faith.
 - He first reminds them why they are secure in Christ (**v.1-2**)
 - Then he gives them three proofs of their security (**v.3-17**)
- In verses 1-2, they are secure in Christ because Jesus is their **Advocate**, who has paid the full penalty for all their sin.
 - *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;*

2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

- John addresses the issue of their security in view of the presence of sin among them: *Am I still a believer if I continue to struggle with sin?*
- In these verses the Holy Spirit gives us two Truths we need to know for us to be saved and to grow in our fellowship with God:
 - **First** — *The intensive and extensive effects of sin:*
 - The intensive effects of sin: **Ezekiel 18:20** — *the person who sins shall die...*
 - The extensive effects of sin: **Romans 3:9** — *all under sin; 10 as it is written, "there is none righteous, not even one; 11 there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for god;*

*12 all have turned aside,
together they have become
useless; there is none who
does good, there is not even
one."*

- **Second** — The unimaginable length to which God has gone to redeem His creation from sin.
 - God has gone to the most extreme length to bring about a new creation in which there would be no sin so that He and His people would dwell in eternal fellowship:
 - **Revelation 21:3** —
Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them [Immanuel], and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them...
 - What was this extreme measure? **The Incarnation.**

- God sent His beloved Son to be the payment for our sin so that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
- Why did God make this pre-temporal promise? So that the glory of the relational fellowship among the Persons of God would be displayed in and through His redeemed people.
 - The love of the Father in choosing a people before the foundation of the world [Eph. 1:4] to be those who would become partakers of the Divine Nature [2 Peter 1:4].
 - The love of the Son in submitting to the Father's will to purchase a people by His blood [Rom. 5:9]
 - The love for the Spirit Who has caused us to be born again because of the finished [John 19:30] work of Jesus.

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- We would do well to regularly ponder these two verses to allow the Spirit to more deeply show us:
1) how terrible our sin is to God
and 2) how incredible the love of God is for us in Christ.