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Lesson 7 — 1 John 2:1-17

- John turns his attention to the believers in the church to instruct them about their **walk** and its impact upon their fellowship with God.
- **Obedience** has always been the only way to enter the Kingdom of God to experience His fellowship.
 - **Genesis 1:17** — *from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.*
 - **John 3:36** — *the who does not obey the Son will not see life...*
- John understands that the necessity of obedience will create potential difficulties for those who are concerned about the security of their salvation in the face of sin.

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➤ **1 John 2:1-2** — *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.*

- By addressing them as ‘*little children*’, John affirms their membership in the family of God. Nevertheless, he does not ignore their sin.
- John reminds them that God has saved and empowered them by the Spirit to no longer commit sin.

➤ **John 8:36** — *if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.*

- John also answers the question: *but what if we continue to sin? Is our relationship with God in danger?*

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- The answer is no, because the believer is not stand alone: Jesus is our advocate.
- In heaven, Jesus is our Divine Attorney Who stands at the Right Hand of the Father to represent us as having been acquitted of all sin.
- Our acquittal is on the basis of Jesus being the propitiation for our sins.
 - **Romans 6:10** — *For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all...*
 - **Hebrews 9:12** — *through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.*
- The propitiatory death of Jesus is the legal basis of our confidence before God, and Jesus' resurrection is the relational basis of our ability not to sin.
 - **2 Corinthians 5:17** — *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*