

Free to Confess!

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1 John 1:5—2:6; 3:4-6

It is interesting that the call in 1 John 1:9 to confess our sins and thereby experience God's forgiveness and purifying grace is sandwiched between warnings against false teachings which deny sin (see verses 8, 10). False teachers were proclaiming that Jesus was not God in the flesh. Furthermore, they professed that they had no sin, negating the need for a Savior and minimizing Jesus' sacrifice. These false teachers considered themselves the spiritual elite!

John taught that as sinful beings, we need a Savior: "Your sins have been forgiven" (1 John 2:12). Confession verifies our belief in Jesus' Lordship daily.

In 1 John 2:7-8 the apostle describes how in Jesus the old commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18), is made new again. Jesus describes this as the inevitable result of obeying the greatest commandment, to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). This new commandment was completely fulfilled in the living flesh of Jesus Christ.

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