



What Does John Tell Us About Sin & Forgiveness

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Growing up, what was your understanding of sin? Where did it come from? What was your upbringing in either of the extremes talked about in the message?

Read 1 John 1:9-10

Do you struggle with the idea that you sin? Why or why not?

Are there any sins that you see people commit that you view as unforgivable?

Are there any sins that you have committed that you struggle with the fact that they were forgiven when you repented (or will repent of)?

Read 1 John 2:1-2

How quick are you to go to “your advocate” when you “miss the mark” and sin?

Reminder of what atonement means:

Atonement To cover. To cancel. To appease, make an atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, purge (away), put off, (make) reconciliation.

When do you do this? Do you ever stop and think of the price paid by Christ for the atonement of our sin?

Read Romans 5:8. It is humbling to think of Jesus dying for us because we were in rebellion against Him. This means that there are still people rebelling against Christ who He died for and loves. Is this tough to accept when you see people acting out in their rebellion?

Read 1 John 5:16-18

How do you understand **verses 16 and 17**? Do you get a better understanding from the message?

Verse 18 says, “We know that anyone born of God does not *continue to sin*.” Are there any sins that you have “not continued” doing that you would be willing to share?

Is there any area that you would like to share with the group that you could use prayer for as we close? (Anything shared is to be confidential within the group. This is a moment of trust and loving care for each other.)