

ASSURANCE: How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

Lesson Three • 1John 1:5 - 2:2

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The difference between true believers and false believers is not whether or not they sin, but WHAT THEY DO when they sin. False believers deny sin; true believers deal with sin and thus give evidence of having eternal life.

What Do You Do When You Sin? Only Two Options

Option #1 We Can DENY Our Sin!

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1John 1:5

Three Stages of Deception

- We lie to OTHERS about our fellowship with God if we say that we have fellowship with God and yet walk in darkness.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 1John 1:6

- We lie to OURSELVES about our true heart condition if we say that we have no sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1John 1:8

- We lie to GOD about our actions if we say that we have not sinned.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1John 1:10

Option #2 We Can DEAL with Our Sin!

How to Deal with Sin

- CONFESS your sin.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1John 1:9

God's Response to Confession of Sin

- ✓ God is faithful and just to forgive you.
- ✓ God cleanses you from all unrighteousness.

- CHANGE your walk.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1John 1:7

Hope-Filled Truth

In this life we cannot be sinless but we can sin LESS!

If you do sin don't despair. Run to Jesus who is our advocate with the Father and atonement for our sin.

My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. 1John 2:1-2

Are You DENYING or DEALING with the Sin Within?

- Are you DENYING your sin and as a result forfeiting your joy of fellowship with God, or even giving evidence that you are not a true believer.
- Are you DEALING with your sin within and as a result experiencing the fullness of joy and greater assurance of salvation?