



JOHN'S EPISTLES
"SIN'S CERTAINTY, FORGIVENESS, AND
SALVATION'S TESTS—PART 2"
TEXT: 1ST JOHN 1:8-10
MARCH 1ST, 2020

I. Introduction

According to Scripture, every single human being enters the world with a sin nature. That means we have this leaning or bent toward sin.

II. If We Say... (v. 8)

- a. Being honest about our sin
- b. Having the truth "in us"

III. If We Confess (v. 9)

- a. A clear conscience all day and night
- b. Guilt from the Spirit's conviction is healthy

IV. If We Say (again) (v. 10)

- a. Our nature is to deny sin
- b. Complete forgiveness in Christ

V. Conclusion

Until you appreciate and understand the absolute holiness of God and who He is, you cannot understand the penalty you bear for you sin and the responsibility that comes with it.



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Kick Starters...

1. Have you ever tried to justify a sin to yourself, to another, or to God? Were you successful?
2. "You are not a sinner because you sin, you sin because you are a sinner"—what does that mean for us?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. How can/does denying the reality of our sin affect us?
5. We have all chosen at one time to be deceptive. Why do we choose darkness over light?
6. What changes/is altered about our lives when we are no longer guided by the light and allow ourselves to be covered in darkness?
7. How does confessing our sin enhance our fellowship with God?
8. Why is 'almost' not good enough in regard to confessing our sins/trespases/debts before God?
9. Read: Ps. 32:1a, Isa. 55:6-7; Micah 7:18-19; and Luke 18:13-14 together. What do these verses confirm for us about our confession and the forgiveness of God?

Execute the text

10. You cannot stop yourself from sinning because it is our nature to do so but you can come before Christ as one of his adopted sons or daughters and know that he purchased your forgiveness at Calvary's cross each time we repent.