



First Epistle of John (Lesson # 7)

1 John 2:1-2 – Our Advocate with the Father

1st John has 5 chapters

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Τεκνία [n voc neut pl τεκνίον] **little children**, young people
μου, [pro pers gen s ἐγώ] **My**, of me, these are believers, children of God thru John
ταῦτα [pro demon acc neut pl οὗτος] **these things**, what things? What he witnessed
γράφω [v ind pres act 1p s γράφω] **I am writing**, personal “I” as father to child
ὑμῖν, [pro pers dat pl σύ] **to you**, his children in the Lord so these are believers
ἵνα [conj ἵνα] that, in order that, **so that**, with the result that, with a goal in view
μὴ [negative particle article μή] **not**, used for assumed, hesitant, or indefinite denial;
Friberg: οὐ denies the fact, μή denies the idea
μὴ is used with all moods except the factual indicative
ἀμάρτητε. [v subj aor act 2p pl ἀμαρτάνω] **you may sin**

**** My literal translation**

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Καί [conj, καί] **and**, also, even

ἐάν [conj ἐάν] **if** (3rd class possible condition that may or may not be true)

τις [pro indef nom masc s τις] **anyone**, context is any believer, any of God's children

ἀμάρτη, [v subj aor act 3p s ἀμαρτάνω] **should sin**, a potential act that is sin

παράκλητον [n acc masc s παράκλητος] helper, **comforter**, advocate, lawyer, one who is called along side, to counsel encourage and defend – no article, **functions** are in focus

ἔχομεν [v ind pres act 1p pl ἔχω] **we are having**, reality, **we** as believers possess

πρὸς [prep πρὸς] **before**, face to face with, and in harmony with

τὸν πατέρα, [art+n acc masc s πατήρ] **the Father**, God the Father here, Jesus our Savior faces Him in harmony, **only God can fathom the extent of joy they share with each other, and they want to share their joy with each member of God's new family**

Ἰησοῦν χριστὸν [n acc masc s Ἰησοῦς Χριστός] **Jesus Christ**, God's Son, our Savior

δίκαιον· [adj acc masc s δίκαιος] **righteous [one]**, no article so His character or essence is in view, He is without sin, upright, just, good, & eternally our Savior by giving His perfect body, & life blood, to make us clean & to wash us of all our sins

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but if anyone should sin, comforter we are having before the Father, Jesus Christ, righteous [one]



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2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of the whole world.*

2 καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, also, even
αὐτὸς [pro pers nom masc s αὐτός] **He Himself**, intense emphasis on person's essence

ἱλασμός [n nom masc s ἱλασμός] propitiation, expiation, **satisfaction** for sin. Jesus Himself offered Himself on the cross as the perfect sin offering, taking our sin punishment. This is God's means to overcome the broken relationship between God and sinful man, and God is now free to bless those who trust that His punishment was full payment for their own sins. He is both offeror priest and offering sacrifice

ἐστίν [v ind pres act 3p s εἰμί] **is being** existing
περὶ [prep περί] **concerning**, for
τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν [art+n gen fem pl ἁμαρτία] **the sins**
ἡμῶν· [pro pers gen pl ἐγώ] **of us**, our, very personal in this new family

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περὶ [prep περί] **concerning**, for
τῶν ἡμετέρων [art+ pro possessive gen fem pl ἡμέτερος] **those of us**, ours, ie our sins mentioned here, with the article means the specific sins of us
δὲ [conj δέ] **but**, of contrast
μόνον, [adverb μόνον] only, **alone**, we are not the only ones God loves
ἀλλὰ [conj ἀλλά] after a negative for contrast but, however, yet, nevertheless **on the other hand**, indeed, certainly. Focus on contrast (freq. with neg.) but, on the contrary
καὶ [conj, καί] and, **also**, even
περὶ [prep περί] **concerning**, for
ὅλου [adj gen masc s ὅλος] whole, every, entire, [the mass of sin of] **all**; Smith & Friberg: indicate its totality, **the mass of sin of the entire humanly organized world**
τοῦ κόσμου. [art+n gen masc s κόσμος] **the world**, the rest of the world, organized humanity

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***** ¹ My little children [born-ones, bairns], these things I am writing to you in order that you may not commit an act of sin. And if anyone commits an act of sin, One who pleads our cause we constantly have facing the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous One. ² And He himself is an expiatory satisfaction for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world**



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Some observations from 1 John 1:1-4

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- When?** The time of the incarnation of Jesus Christ, God taking human form
- Who?** Jesus Christ, God's Son is God's perfect human expression of Himself
- What?** Things about this Glorious One who was eternally existing with God the Father and came as God in human flesh to reveal God's love for man
- How?** By pouring out His own perfect human life blood unto death to bear the penalty of man's sin and to enable the washing away of man's sin.
- Why?** So God could offer man His eternal harmony and joy

This is God's Grace



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Some observations from 1 John 1:5-10

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God's absolute message? God is light without darkness of any kind

Some possibilities and consequences that are for believers alone

That we can be in harmony with both God & darkness is a lie & this is not reality

When we are at home in His light & His love we are purified from sin is reality

That we are now perfect is self-deception & this is not reality

When we agree with God about our sins He forgives & washes all sins is reality

When we disagree with God about our sins, we call God a liar & this is not reality

This is God's Truth



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Some observations from 1 John chapter 1

- 1 John (all of it) presents God's children as His new **family** in **harmony & joy**
- John assumes that the believers he is writing to will remember this personal introduction about God through Christ giving us, out of His love, participation in His full harmony and joy, as the foundation of all he is about to present.
- Understanding this style of writing in shorthand of stated and assumed to be remembered truth, is very important to understand statements made in the remaining parts of this letter about us, as members of God's unique family.
- Many followers of those who teach this book as being a book of "tests" for a person coming to know if they are saved or lost are confused, along with their teachers, because they have not observed that this book is for believers, to give us assurance that God is the One Who saves, holds, and cleans every one of us, in His "new in kind" family of Church age believers.
- Please check out what I am presenting by the text of scripture alone, not based on what may be favorite personal assumptions, but God's reality.
- The booklet of **Dennis M. Rokser** titled "**How to Interpret 1 John**", available on line from Grace Gospel Press on Amazon, I believe clearly explains God's message in 1 John from the text and context of Scripture alone.



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- **Notice the shift from “we” to “my” and “I” in the text, it is very personal. John knows who he is writing to are born, by God’s doing, into His unique family upon believing the message John has delivered to them of God’s love.**
- **John calls the recipients his little children, and repeats this in 2:12, 28; 3:7, 18; 4:4; 5:21. This he copies from Jesus as seen in Jn 13:33.**
- **The teaching is that believers are not authorized to sin. This message from God thru John is to tell believers that God does not want believers to sin**
- **God knows His children do commit acts of sin, so God provided His Son to stand, instead of us, face to face with His Father, in harmony with Him that His death is legal payment in full for all our sins**
- **God the Son Himself, has removed sin, the barrier between us and God, by becoming both the offeror priest and the offering sacrifice, for not just our sin as believers, but also for the mass of sin of the whole world**



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- **Since God the Son Himself, has removed sin, the barrier between us and God, the issue now for harmony between us and God is, do we believe God has done this for us?**
- **All of the following information in 1 John is based upon the truths presented up to this point in 1 John. Please keep this observation in mind as you read and observe God's message in the rest of this letter.**
- **John wrote expecting those believers who would receive his letter would remember the foundational truths given in the beginning, and automatically supply it to correctly understand what he says in the rest of this letter.**

**God gave through John's writings these things about His Son & His new family;
He has created us, He now lives in us, His Glory is revealed through us,
and His Glory will forever be praised.**