

The Truth about Sin

1 John 1:5 – 2:2

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"Sin" is not a word that is often used by contemporary Canadians, and when it is used, it is often ridiculed. False ideas about sin abound today, but this is not something new. The apostle John had to correct some of the same errors in the first century.

Error #1: "I have never done anything to be ashamed of." (1:10)

Error #2: "Sure, I've done things wrong, but there is no guilt or punishment for it." (1:8)

Error #3: "My sinful lifestyle has nothing to do with my salvation." (1:6)

How serious is human sin? Consider the cross!

How real is God's offer of forgiveness? Consider the cross!

Discussion Questions

When was the last time you heard a public figure speak of "sin" in a serious way?

Why do you think people are willing to refer to "evil" but not "sin"? Is it possibly because "sin" implies something about God and judgment?

What would you say to someone who commits error #1?

What would you say to someone who commits error #2?

What would you say to someone who commits error #3?

Are you tempted to believe any of these falsehoods about sin?