

Three Approaches To Sin:

OVERCOME ~ I JOHN

Overcome Sin

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1. We can try to **cover** our sin (1:8, 10).

“11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

13 And he LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” Genesis 3:11-13

2. We can **confess** our sin (1:9).

“2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

3For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.” Psalm 51:2-3

3. We can **conquer** our sin (2:1-2).

“12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.” Romans 6:12-13

INTRODUCTION

- A. God has called His children to overcome. We can and should live victorious over the difficulties in this world.

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

I John 5:4

- B. The book of I John is a game plan for victory. In this series you will discover how to overcome many difficulties in your life.

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May 15	Overcome Hypocrisy
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Come and hear these messages and develop a victorious game plan.

Overcome Sin And Experience Victory

- C. **TEXT:** I John 1:1-2:2 (Pew Bible/Pg.1195/New Testament)

HOW TO OVERCOME SIN

I. **KNOW** JESUS (1:1-4)

A. **John** had a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ (1:1-2).

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

“4 So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

5 And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there,

7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

8 Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.” John 20:4-8

B. **We** must have a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ (1:3-4).

“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...” I John 5:1a

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3

“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” Romans 3:20

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:” John 1:12

“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalm 16:11

II. **OBEY** JESUS (1:5-2:2)

A. What it means to obey Jesus (1:5-7).

Obedience requires walking in the **light**.

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life..” John 8:12

“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:105

“21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?”

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.” John 14:21-24

B. What to do when you don’t obey Jesus (1:8-2:2).

Disobedience requires **confession**.

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.” Proverbs 28:13

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

I John 1:9

“ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;”

I Timothy 2:5