

## Three Approaches To Sin:

1. We can try to \_\_\_\_\_ our sin (1:8, 10)

*“11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?*

*12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.*

*13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.”* Genesis 3:11-13

2. We can \_\_\_\_\_ our sin (1:9)

*“2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

*3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.”* Psalm 51:2-3

3. We can \_\_\_\_\_ our sin (2:1-2)

*“12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

*13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”* Romans 6:12-13

## DO YOU HAVE JOY?

*“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”* John 15:11

## BIRTHMARKS OF A CONFIDENT BELIEVER

### Birthmark #1 - Joy

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## INTRODUCTION

- A. Life is filled with uncertainties. Will today's job be there tomorrow? Will my marriage survive? Will my children be ok?

Sometimes these uncertainties touch our spiritual being. We wonder about our relationship with God. Is my life pleasing to Him? These doubts erode our confidence and can be erased.

*“13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

*14 And this is the confidence that we have in him,...*”

I John 5:13-14a

- B. Join me in this eight week series we will reveal the birthmarks of a confident believer.

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| TODAY   | Birthmark #1 - Joy |
| May 16  | Birthmark #2-      |
| May 23  | Birthmark #3-      |
| May 30  | Birthmark #4-      |
| June 6  | Birthmark #5-      |
| June 13 | Birthmark #6-      |
| June 20 | Birthmark #7-      |
| June 27 | Birthmark #8-      |

Come as you are and build your confidence as we study God's Word.

- C. **TEXT:** I John 1:1-2:2 (Pew Bible Page 80/New Testament)

*“Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”*

Psalm 16:11

## HOW TO HAVE JOY

### I. \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS (1:1-4)

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ had a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ (1:1-2)

*“And the Word was made 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 ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.*

*5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.*

*6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,*

*7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.*

*8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.”* John 20:4-8

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ must have a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ (1:3-4)

*“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:...”* I John 5:1a

*“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”* John 3:3

*“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”* Ephesians 2:3

*“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh 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

### II. \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS (1:5-2:2)

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

Obedience requires walking in the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”* John 8:12

*“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”* Psalm 119:105

*“21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

*22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?*

*23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

*24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.”*

John 14:21-24

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

Disobedience requires \_\_\_\_\_.

*“24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;*

*25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;”*

Hebrews 11:24-25

*“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”*

Proverbs 28:13

*“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”*

I Timothy 2:5