



# I John 1:5-2:6

## Scripture Memory

I John 1:2

*(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)*

## Sunday School Lesson Notes

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### Key Thoughts

*{S}in is not simply outward disobedience; sin is also inner rebellion or desire.*

Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary: New Testament, Volume II* (Colorado Springs, David C. Cook Publishers, 1989), p. 479.

*The advocate does not maintain our innocence but confesses our guilt. Then he enters his plea before the Father on our behalf as the one who has made “atoning sacrifice for our sins.”*

Robert G. Gromacki, *New Testament Survey* (Grand Rapids, Baker Book House, 1996), p. 372.

## Questions to Consider

*As you answer the questions and prepare for Sunday school, carefully read I John 1:5-2:6.*

- How does I John 3:4 define sin?
  
- God's Word pointedly identifies the sins of many saints. List two examples of where the Scriptures did not whitewash the sins of Old and/or New Testament saints.
  
- What are the two titles/ministries given to Jesus Christ in I John 2:1-2 and briefly explain them?
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- Please read Zechariah 3:1-7. Of the two ministries listed above in the previous question, which ministry is beautifully pictured in this Old Testament text?
  
- According to I John 2:3, what is the evidence that we "know" God?
- According to I John 2:4, what is the evidence that discredits one's claims of knowing God?
- According to I John 2:5, what is the result when one's claim of knowing God is backed up by his or hers obedience to His Word?

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## Truth to Ponder

*To "confess" basically means to "say the same thing"; it is the willingness publicly to acknowledge and to admit our sins and to call them what God calls them. Such a confession is more than a general acknowledgement that we all are sinners by nature; such a confession costs little and does not meet the need. We must honestly confront and frankly confess the sins we are guilty of without defending ourselves or excusing our sinful deeds...It is a humbling experience and guarantee of our sincerity.*

D. Edmond Hiebert, *The Epistles of John: An Expository Commentary* (Greenville: Bob Jones University Press, 1991) p.66.