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1 John 2:1-2

God's Provision For Sin

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We Are Not to Sin

1John 2:1a (NASB)
My little children, I am writing **these things** to you so **that you may not sin**...

- "Little children" is a term of endearment
- "These things" are those in 1John 1:5-10
- We lie if we deny sin, but must not therefore treat it as insignificant (Romans 6:1)
- Our goal is to not sin but we need what Christ provides

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Jesus Is Our Paraclete

1John 2:1b (NASB)
...And if anyone sins, we have **an Advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the **righteous**

- "If anyone sins" means Christians (i.e., 'of us')
- God's provision for sins is an intercessor
- Jesus who is perfectly righteous pleads our case before the Father
- Jesus our Advocate is the ground for our hope

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Jesus Provided Escape From God's Wrath Against Sin

1John 2:2a (NASB)

and He Himself is the **propitiation** for our sins...

- Propitiation means "turning away God's wrath"
- Jesus not only pleads our case, He provides the atoning sacrifice
- God both provides and receives the sacrifice

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The Extent of the Possibility of Atonement

1John 2:2b (NASB)

...and not for ours only, but also for *those of the whole world*.

- No one is excluded based on race or geography
- The Bible does not teach universalism (John 3:36)
- Salvation is available to all (John 6:37)
- Only those who believe are saved (John 3:17, 18)
- The gospel must go out to the whole world (Luke 24:47)

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Benefits of Walking in the Light

1John 1:7a (NASB)

...if we **walk in the Light** as He Himself is in the Light . . .

- Fellowship with God's people (1Jn 1:7)
- Cleansing from sin (1Jn 1:7)
- Forgiveness of Sins (1Jn 1:9)
- An Advocate with the Father (1Jn 2:1)
- Propitiation for our sins (1Jn 2:2)

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Implications and Applications

- We must flee from sin
- Jesus Christ intercedes for us
- Jesus paid the price to avert God's wrath
- Jesus sends us to preach the gospel to all

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We Must Flee From Sin

1Corinthians 6:18 (NASB)
Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

1Corinthians 10:14 (NASB)
Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

- We need to see that God always has our best interests in mind. Sin destroys lives
- We live in a world of sensuality and idolatry

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Jesus Christ Our Intercessor

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)
Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

- Jesus is our High Priest eternally (Heb. 7:24)
- Save to the uttermost means "completely and forever"
- Romans 8:34 also expresses this idea

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**Jesus Paid the Price to Avert
God's Wrath**

1Thessalonians 1:10 (NASB)

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who **rescues us from the wrath to come**

Hebrews 2:17 (NASB)

Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, **to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**

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We Must Preach the Gospel to All

Acts 1:8 (NASB)

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and **even to the remotest part of the earth.**

- The witness of the gospel has spread throughout the church age and throughout the world
- The witness is about Jesus Christ
- His atoning sacrifice is to be made known

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