



That You May Know Series, Part 2: Somebody's Lying! I John 1:5-2:2

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⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. I Jn 2 My little children, I am with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Whatever Became of Sin?

"[Sin] described a central point in every civilized human being's life plan and life style. But the word went away. It has almost disappeared—the word, along with the notion. Why? Doesn't anyone sin anymore? Doesn't anyone believe in sin?" Dr. Karl Menninger 1973

We Have Good News to Proclaim

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you...."

The 'message' is the gospel of Jesus to be shared with the whole world.

The core of the message is that *"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."*

Ephesians 4:17-18

II Corinthians 4:3-6

Understanding 'Sin' Makes the Gospel Very 'Good News'.

Sin is Self-idolatry- Making myself god. Deciding right and wrong for myself.

1. Don't Lie to Others. I Jn 1:6-7

Vs 6- "I love God." + life characterized by sin = lying to others.

Vs 7- Life of faithfully following Jesus = fellowship + forgiveness of sin. (vs 3)

Ephesians 5:1-2, 7-11

2. *Don't Lie to Yourself*- I Jn 1:8-9

Vs 8- "I don't sin." = Lying to myself + without moral compass.

Isaiah 5:20

Romans 1:21-25

I Timothy 4:2

Vs 9- "I have sinned." + true repentance = God forgives + cleans me up from the filth and guilt of sin.

Proverbs 28:13

3. *Don't Lie About God*- I Jn 1:10

Vs 10- "I have no sin" = "Therefore, God is a liar" + His truth neither guides nor restrains my life.

4. *Tell the Truth About Jesus*- I Jn 2:1-2

He is our "**advocate with the Father**" who, along with the Holy Spirit, intercedes for us; therefore, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Romans 8

He is the "**propitiation for our sins**" by taking the punishment we deserve on Himself in order to reconcile us to God. II Corinthians 5:19

This is the Good News we are to proclaim to the world.