

Jesus Christ – Advocate for Sinners (1 John 2:1-2)

- Text has three parts to it:
 1. Don't sin
 2. Don't give in to hopelessness when you do sin
 3. Don't keep Jesus to yourself alone
- Foundation: 1:5 “God is light” – application 1:6-7 “Walk in the light”
- Clarification: 1:8-9 “Don't claim to be perfect, confess your sin”
- 2:1-2 Continue the clarification: confess your sin, we have an advocate
- 2:2 Describe basis & effects of Christ's advocacy: why we must share it

1. We Must Not Sin (2:1a)

- 1.1 Sin is rebelliousness/ insubordination against God.
 - 1.2 Sin is extremely serious.
 - 1.3 Scripture overcomes sin.
- 1.1—Sin is insubordination against God.

II. Don't Surrender to Hopelessness When You Sin (2:1b)

1. What does it mean that Christ is the propitiation for our sins?
2. How is Christ an advocate for sinners?

III. Don't Keep Jesus to Yourself (2:2b)

- The final consolation from the text are these words: **“And he is not the propitiation for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world.”**
- John 6:36; Rom 3:25; John 11:52; John 10:15-16; Rev 5:9
- He didn't ransom everybody, but laid down his life for many (Mk 10:45)