

# **The Man Who Denies Sin**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: I John 1:8-9.
- B. John practiced the ministry of a mender.
- C. The great need of Christians is practicing fellowship with Jesus Christ.

## II. The key to fellowship is walking in the light.

- A. This means to see and treat things exactly as the light reveals them to be.
- B. Fellowship is the key to vital Christianity.

## III. Ways the believer avoids walking in the light.

- A. Refusing examination.
- B. Denying that one has a capacity to sin.
  - 1. This is propagated through the occult.
  - 2. To live as if sin does not exist is to become victim to the saddest delusion.
  - 3. Others believe that they are freed from the root of sin because of the work of Christ.
  - 4. It is possible to walk in the Spirit so not to sin, but no New Testament person makes this claim except Jesus Himself.
    - a. There will be times when we will succumb.
    - b. The one who thinks he stands should take heed lest he falls.
    - c. The pressures are so great that we are to pray that we would not fall into temptation.
  - 5. The remedy is to confess our sins.
    - a. Christ's work on the cross already provides forgiveness.
    - b. God wants the believer to agree with Him with the reality of the sin.
    - c. God would be unjust if He refused to forgive a penitent sinner based on Christ's work.

**Application questions:**

1. What does it mean to confess? Why is this important for fellowship?

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2. How would you respond to a Christian who says that he or she has not sinned for the past five years?

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3. What is the believer's sure answer to restoration to God after sinning? Why is this sure?

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