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Youth E.D.G.E. Sunday School

Back to the Basics: A Study of I John - Part III

### Your Divine Defense Attorney

I John 2:1-6

Sadly, people live as if there is no solution to sin. As we consider I John 2:1-6 this morning, we come to understand that this is not the case! There is power over sin! His name is Jesus, and John introduces Him in these verses as your Divine Defense attorney. Because you have a Divine Defense Attorney, you must conquer sin.

- I. **Because you have a Divine Defense Attorney, you must understand that sin has no power over you (v. 1-2).**

John is about to unveil a third purpose for writing this letter. He's writing in order that we might not sin!

- A. **You do not have to be controlled by your sin (v. 1).**

There is a new way in Christ through which we must view everything - including our former inability to stop sinning. You are no longer controlled!

- B. **You do not have to be judged for your sin (v. 1).**

- I. **Jesus appeals to God on your behalf.**

"Christ's intercession is the continuous application of His death to our salvation." J. Calvin

2. **Jesus appeals to God because He is righteous.**

Christ, the divinely righteous defense attorney accepts as clients all of those who put their faith in Him, and He has never lost a case!

- C. **You do not have to face God's wrath for your sin (v. 2).**

In verse one, Jesus argues for us from the courtroom, while in verse two, he argues from the temple. Jesus could never make a successful argument without first being our propitiation.

- II. **Because you have a Divine Defense Attorney, you must develop a relationship with Him (v.3-6).**

If you have this resource (Jesus) available to you, don't you want to be sure that you know Him?

- A. **You can know Jesus only by keeping His commandments (v. 3-4).**

True Christianity is a life of obedience to Jesus' commands.

- B. **You can love Jesus only by keeping His Word (v. 5).**

"True love for God is expressed not in sentimental knowledge or in mystical ideas, but in real action." J. Stott

- C. **You can abide in Jesus only by living like Him (v. 5-6).**

The one who is claiming to abide in Jesus is faced with the obligation of conforming his life to Jesus' image.



