



# The Guardian Shepherd

## Sin is Real

### REVIEW

THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS WAS SUFFERING A CRISIS OF BELIEF BROUGHT ON BY FALSE TEACHERS

- They deny the Son (1 John 2:23)
- They deny that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (1 John 4:2; 2 John 7)
- They deny that Jesus is the Christ (1 John 2:22)

### VERSES 1-4

- John refutes dualism by testifying that Jesus Christ was the living word (*logos*) from the beginning.
- John and other disciples of Christ saw Jesus, they heard him, they touched him

### VERSES 5-7

- John refutes dualism with dualistic imagery: Light versus darkness

### CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS

If	Then
We claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness. (1:6)	We lie and do not live out the truth.
We walk in the light (1:7)	We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

### 1 JOHN 1:8-2:2 NIV

<sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the

### NOTES

NOTES

*Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

ORIGINAL MEANING

SIN AND CONFESSION (1:8-9)

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SIN AND THE ADVOCATE (1:10-2:2)

CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS

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We claim we have not sinned. (1:10)	We make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in us.
Anybody does sin (2:1)	We have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

- We have an advocate (*Paraklētos*)
  - John is the exclusive user of the word, penning it four times in his gospel (John 14:16, 14:26, 15:26, 16:7), and once in his first epistle, 1 John 2:1
- He is the atoning sacrifice (*Hilasmos*)
  - John is the exclusive user of the word, penning it two times in his first letter (1 John 2:2, 1 John 4:10)

THE WORD FOR TODAY

- John's Reminder Stands Today – We Are Not Dualistic
- Jesus Died Once For All
- The Ministry of Jesus Continues