

Getting a Grip on Sin

1 John 3:4-6

- I. Understanding the Seriousness of Sin: Sin is unsuitable for God's children (1 John 3:4).
 - Sin is unsuitable for a believer because it is a wicked violation of all that God has revealed to us.

- II. Understanding the Solution to Sin: Christ came to provide us with the positional (heaven) and practical (daily) solution to sin (1 John 3:5).

- III. Overcoming the Strength of Sin: When we abide in Christ we don't sin; when we do sin, we reveal how little we know God (1 John 3:6).
 - A. No one abiding in Christ sins (6a).
 - Abiding in Christ = Constant awareness and dependence on Christ. The solution to sin in our life as a believer is to be aware of Christ's indwelling presence and utilize His power to do what is right.

 - B. When we sin, we reveal that we are distant in our relationship with God (6b).
 - Seen Him, Known Him – When we sin as believers we are acting in a spiritually blind (*seeing*) and ignorant (*knowing*) manner.