

1 John Pt. 4

So You May Know You Believe

1. Believers _____ they are _____.

1 John 1:8-10, 2:1-2

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

² and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of the whole world.*

The Doctrine of Sin

2. Sin is a _____.

3. The sin monster is rooted in our _____ and comes out in our _____.

1 John 1:8-10 (NASB)

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4. Our sinful nature consistently cries, “_____ what you want, live as if the world _____ around you, and be your own _____.” **Genesis 3:3-5.**

5. We do not think we have _____ because we have a _____ view of God and a _____ view of ourselves.

Charles Spurgeon

“As the salt flavors every drop in the Atlantic, so does sin affect every atom of our nature. It is so sadly there, so abundantly there, that if you cannot detect it, you are deceived.”

What To Do About Your Sin

6. Admit that you are a _____ (sinner) and in need of an advocate (_____). **Romans 7:14-25**

1 John 2:1-2, 1:9

...if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;
² and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins;

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous (Just) to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

7. Don't only confess your _____, confess your sin nature that is _____ your violations.

Self-dependence
Self-righteous
Self sufficient
Self-focus
Self-obsession

Self-indulgence
Self-justification
Arrogance
Pride
Conceited

8. To the depths you see your _____, will be the depth that you _____ the resurrection of _____.

Thomas Watson

Once the soul is convinced of sin and of the hell that follows it, a Savior is precious.

Mike's Prayer Journal

God, destroy in me every lofty thought, break pride to pieces and scatter it to the wind, annihilate each clinging shred of self-righteousness and please implant in me true lowliness of spirit. Open in me a fountain of tears, break me, then bind me up so that my heart will be a prepared dwelling place for God.

God, my heart is an exhausted fountain of sin, a river of corruption since childhood.

God, please give grace to sustain me otherwise I fall.

God, I am a poor, diseased, despised sinner; yet you are willing to clothe me in the brightness of Glory.

God, please cut me off before my thoughts go to response.

God, please save me from myself.

God, sin is my monster, my foe, my viper; born in my birth, alive in my life, strong in my character, dominating in my faculties, following me as a shadow, intermingling with every thought. The sinner I am.

Yet your compassion yearns over me, Your heart hastens to rescue me, Your love endured my curse, Your mercy bore my deserved stripes.

Let me walk humbly in Your lowest depth of humility, bathe in your blood, tender of conscience, triumphing gloriously as an heir of salvation.

God, I am nothing but vanity, iniquity, perishing; sin has forfeited Your favor, stripped me of Your image, banished me from Your presence, exposed me to the curse of Your law. I am in need of salvation. And your death is the center of all relief.

God, I am guilty of infinite evil that merits infinite punishment, for sin is a violation of an infinite obligation. Forgive me and save me.

God, please bury my sin in the ocean of Jesus' blood and forgive me of my inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, my untrue service, my backsliding steps, and my vain thoughts.

God, forgive me for serving You in sinful ways. Too often I make my flesh my arm and do not trust You. Too often I am driven by the applause of others rather than the love of my Savior. Please forgive me and make me Yours.

God, I am nothing but sin and weakness; in me no good dwells, and my best works are but sin.

God, please destroy the aim I have in my secret motives to exalt my name.

God, no poor creature stands in need of grace more than I do and yet none abuse it more than I have done, and still do. How heartless and dull I am. Humble me in the dust for not loving You more.

God, I carry enough evil in me to be a devil and enough grace in me to be a son with the most high God.

God, my sins are black and deep and rise from a stony, proud, self-righteous heart; help me to confess them with mourning, regret, self-loathing, with no merit or excuse.

God, I can often see more defilement in my duties than in my sin.

God, what is better a sin that makes me humble, or a righteous act that makes me proud.