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A STUDY OF 1 JOHN

Let's Come Clean

1 John 1:5 – 2:2

God: All light and no darkness. *v.5*

Jesus is:

1) Our purifier. *vv.6-7*

- Sin Spin: Ignore it.
- Reality: I'm lying.
- Remedy: "Come clean" and live right.

2) Our forgiver. *vv 8-9*

- Sin Spin: Deny it.
- Reality: I'm deceiving myself.
- Remedy: "Come clean" and confess.

3) Our advocate. *vv.10 – 2:2*

- Sin Spin: excuse it.
- Reality: I call God a liar.
- Remedy: "Come clean" and trust Jesus.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Why does God use the metaphor of light and darkness to describe His nature and actions? Do you feel that you downplay darkness/sin in your life? How do you do that?
- 2) Evaluate this statement: "Jesus paid for our sins once at the cross but He applies that payment daily." How does this concept impact your relationship with Jesus?
- 3) What does the Bible mean by "confess"? See 1 John 1:9. Why is confession so critical to forgiveness? How does it affect the injured party? The sinner?
- 4) Do you "come clean" quickly and keep short accounts with God? How do we stand before Him with confidence (2:28), knowing that we will sin between now and then?



Memory Verse **1 John 2:28**

"And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming."