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# ***Essential Christianity:*** ***What Happens if I Sin, Faith or Fear?***

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## **God Is Serious About My SIN**

<sup>9</sup> But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

### **God Wants Me To:**

Agree it is Wrong *v9*

Say It Out Loud *v10*

Turn Away from It

“Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God.” *Luke 13:3, NLT*

The Worst Thing I Could Ever Do to Myself or Others Is  
Not to Deal with My Sin

### **The Consequences of My Sin:**

Sin Destroys My Victory Now

Sin Destroys My Soul Then

**Jesus Is the Only the Way of Salvation**

<sup>2:1</sup> My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. <sup>2</sup>He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins

## 2 Key Concepts:

I Have an Advocate

God's Wrath Against My Sin Is Satisfied in Christ

## What's the Difference?

### How Does This Affect My Monday?

I Can Rejoice in Forgiveness

God Wants Me to Know I Have Been Forgiven,  
and Will Be Forgiven

## My Obedience Is THE EVIDENCE I Belong to Jesus

<sup>2b</sup> and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. <sup>3</sup> And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. <sup>4</sup> If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth." **1 John 2:2b-4, NLT**

Some People Mistakenly Take **2b** to Mean  
"Universal Salvation"

## Now Look at Verse 3:

<sup>3</sup> And we can be sure that we **know** him if we **obey** his commandments

## **What Does All This Mean to Me?**

John Is Letting Me Can Know If I Am Really Saved:

**I Obey the Word of God**

<sup>5</sup> But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. <sup>6</sup> Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did." **1 John 2:5-6, NLT**

## **2 Truths Two Take Home with You Today**

My Obedience Demonstrates,  
but Does Not Create Salvation

God's Mercy Is for Everyone – But Not Everyone  
Takes Advantage of It

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." **John 3:16, NLT**