

STUDY QUESTIONS CONT'D

9. What is the connection with our fellowship with others and our fellowship with God?
10. Is there any unconfessed sin in your life today? Confess them to the Lord in prayer and experience the fellowship God desires with you.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word “gospel” means “good news.” The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God’s presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God’s perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do, because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn’t end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at www.gbcmilescity.com.



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A BELIEVER’S ENEMY

1 John 1:5-2:6

⁵This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. ²My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. ³Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Nine times in these verses John mentioned this enemy – “SIN”

Sin is refusal to submit to the law of God.

We can try to cover our sins (1:5-6, 8, 10, 2:4)

How do Christians try to cover up their sins? By telling lies!

- **First, we tell lies to others.**
(1:6) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- **One will sooner or later lie to themselves.**
(1:8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **Next step is trying to lie to God.**
(1:10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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What losses does this kind of person experience?

1) He loses the Word.

(1:6) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

(1:10) And the truth is no longer in him. A loss of blessings from the Bible.

2) He loses his fellowship with God and with God's people.

(1:6-7) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

3) This is really the result of the first two: the believer loses his character.

(2:4) He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

(Prov. 28:13) "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper"

If we want to enjoy the life that is real we must never cover our sins.

(1:7,9) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Why is it that believers in Christ still sin?
2. How does one sin lead to other sins?
3. Why is it so easy at times to lie about our sin?
4. What does verse 1 John 1:9 mean when it talks about confessing our sins?
5. What happens when a Christian allows sin to hinder his relationship with God and His Word?
6. What does it mean to be in fellowship with God?
7. What is the result if the believer loses his character?
8. How do we walk in the light?

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