

Do Not Sin . . . But If You Do . . .

Jesus' life, death, and resurrection accomplished all that was necessary that we could be forgiven for our sin. And even more than that because of Jesus, believers are set free from sin so that with the help of the indwelling Spirit we might put away our sin and live as God's children showing the family resemblance. We CAN put away our sin, and yet . . . we do still sin. What then? How are we to think about our standing with God? Is He angry at us? Do we need to earn our way back into His good graces? In today's passage, John gives us a foundational perspective on sin that helps us navigate such questions.

Read 1 John 2:1-2

1. What's the context? What has John been talking about in the previous verses?
2. Why do you think John addresses his readers as "little children"?
3. What does John say is his reason for writing?
4. What is an advocate? What does it mean that Jesus is this for us?

