

## Continuing in Fellowship

### Intro:

1. John points out how we are to live as Christians — 1 Jn. 2:1-2.

### Body:

- I. We are to forsake all sin — 1 Jn. 2:1.
  - A. God is Holy — 1 Pet. 1:15-16.
    1. Therefore, we cannot continue in sin — Rom. 6:1-2.
    2. We are even warned against isolated acts of sin — 1 Jn. 2:1
      - a. Yet — 1 Jn. 1:8.
  - B. I must not think my sins are of no consequence — Isa. 59:1-2.
    1. Walking in the light requires us to abstain.
      - a. We must develop discipline — 1 Cor. 9:25.
        - (1) Bring every thought into captivity — 2 Cor. 10:5.
        - (2) Keep the proper focus — Heb. 12:1-2.
          - (a) Imitate the life of Jesus — 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Pet. 2:21-23.
        - (3) Do not feed your temptations — Rom. 13:14; 1 Tim. 6:11.
      - b. We must pray — Matt. 6:13.
- II. But, what if we inadvertently fall in sin? — 1 Jn. 2:1-2.
  - A. Jesus is our advocate — Heb. 7:25; Heb. 9:24.
  - B. He is the propitiation for sins — 2 Jn. 2:2.
    1. No man is worthy of fellowship with God — Eccl. 7:20; Rom. 3:10, 23.
      - a. There is nothing that man can do — Prov. 20:9.
      - b. Man deserves condemnation — Rom. 6:23.
    2. Compared to the Jewish high priest — Heb. 9:11-12.
    3. This propitiation has been extended to the whole world — Jn. 1:29; Tit. 2:11.

### Conc:

1. To be in fellowship with God, we must walk in the light.
  - a. We must strive to be without even one sin.
  - b. Yet, when we sin, we need not despair.
2. Thanks be to God for His saving grace. Jesus died for your sins.
  - a. He invites you to submit to His will.