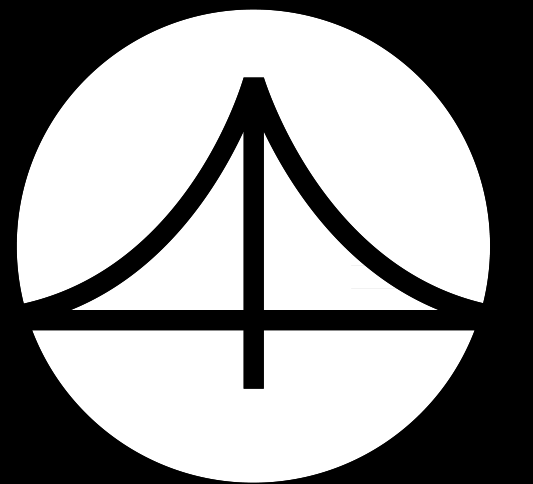


# 1 John: So That You May Not Sin

1 John 2:1-6



**Those who know God seek to obey Him.**

- **The Goal**
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- **The Result**

# The Goal

- John writes “so that you may not sin” (v. 1)
- Sin: the attitude that sees ourselves at the center of the universe AND the actions that come from that attitude
- Perfection is impossible, but growth is expected

# Provision for Failure

- All Christians will sin, but sin should be the exception rather than the rule for Christians
- Jesus is God's provision for our sin
  - He is our advocate who pleads our case before God
  - He is righteous, so He can stand between perfect God and sinful humanity
  - He is our propitiation who bears God's wrath so we can go free

**“[Propitiation] is an appeasement of the wrath of God by the love of God through the gift of God.”**

*–John Stott*

# A Test

- Obedience
- It is possible to know God (and to know that you know God)
- We can know that we truly know God when we keep His commandments
- True spiritual experiences lead to life transformation

- “In him truly the love of God is perfected” (v. 5)
  - God’s love for us?
  - Our love for God?
  - The love of God in us that we show to others?
- All 3 flow together to deepen and enrich one another