

Sermon Handout
Knowing Jesus, Part 1
I John 2:1-3

I. We are called to avoid deceit regarding sin

- a. 3 times “If we say . . .” 1:6-10
- b. We make God out to be a liar v. 10
He declares that we are sinners in need of forgiveness
- c. What, then, is the true situation before us?

II. John offers a solution to the deceitfulness of sin

- a. “I write that you not be committing acts of sin” 2:1a
- b. “If someone is still committing acts of sin” 2:1b
- c. “We have an Advocate with the Father” 2:1c
 - i. John identifies with his readers (“we”)
 - ii. Jesus is **with** the Father (*see* 1:2)
 - iii. Jesus is the Righteous One (*see* 1:9)
 - iv. Sinful acts confessed & forgiven, keep us walking in the light *cf.* 1:7
- d. This is our comfort against frustration and despair 1:9 & 2:1

III. Jesus is the propitiation 2:2 and 4:10

- a. The mercyseat – Heb 9:5
 - i. The place that marks God’s favorable inclination toward us
 - ii. Ex 25:22; Lev 16:2, 13; Num 7:89
- b. The idea of propitiation in the NT
 - i. Lk 18:13; Heb 2:17
 - ii. Rom 3:23-25
- c. God is the object of propitiation – his anger is to be abated
- d. The Advocate and the Propitiation are one – Jesus the Christ
 - i. He is eternally with the Father
 - ii. He is the sole mediator I Tim 2:5