

# The Sinfulness of Sin (Part 2)

Scripture: **1 John 2:1**

Series: **Doctrine & Devotion**

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## Overview

Jesus and only Jesus gives us freedom and victory over sin. We can obey him. When we can't, we have an advocate in Jesus.

## Discussion Questions

1. Look at verse 1a. What about, "So that you may not sin?" is difficult to accomplish? How do you handle your sin? Do you hide it, ignore it, confess it, war against it? Let's not be aspirational. Let's be honest.
2. What are examples of sins people commit in their hearts and minds? Why are these just as atrocious as sinning by word and deed? [they contaminate us and offend God]
3. What are examples of sinning in word? [coarse speech, sarcasm, belittling, dishonesty] How do we evade the temptation to commit these sins? [cultivate a loving and honoring heart]
4. What are examples of sinning in deed? What is obviously different about this sin from the other two?
5. What is mortification? [killing sin] We don't just avoid sin. We kill it. How do we do this? [by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit's work in us] Why is the image of battling sin so much more powerful than simply fleeing from sin?
6. Concerning your experience with sin, how are you doing at warring against it? When and how do you struggle most? What might you do to obey rather than surrender to sin? [look to the advocate Jesus]
7. Can we manage sin on our own? Why or why not? What must we do about it? [this depends whether you follow Christ or not] Why does our relationship with Christ make all the difference here?