

Where the Evidence Leads

1 John 1:9-10

When rightly viewed, our spoken confession coupled with heart changed repentance is an evidence that one is indeed a new creation, otherwise we are deeply deceived.

1. John's Arguments
 - a. If we walk in the light
 - i. John shows we are Justified
 - b. If we confess our sins
 - i. John shows we are being Sanctified
 - c. If anyone does sin
 - i. John's opponents claims are Falsified
2. John's Opponents
 - a. Gnostics - Denied Christ's Manhood
 - b. Antinomian Gnostics - Against Law
 - c. Elitist Gnostics - Above the Law
3. John's Appeal
 - a. Confession - to say the same as God about my sin
 - i. The Pattern
 - ii. Confession continues for believers
 - iii. We can come confidently
 - iv. In Practice
 1. Baptism
 2. Communion
 3. Daily Acts
 - b. The Result
 - i. God's Character Reflected
 1. Faithfulness
 2. Justice
 3. Our Brokenness
 4. Our Restoration
 5. Our Joy



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1 John 1: 8-10

Alive or Dead?





Alive
or
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John wanted to brawl for the gospel, at least verbally.

John is full of stark contrasts

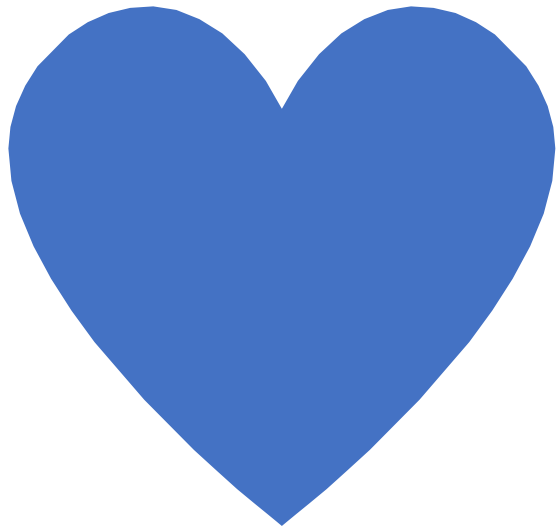
John was referred to as a Son of Thunder

John was calling out the false teachers

John wanted to show the evidence of Christian conversion to generate even more faith

The Big Idea

My confession coupled with heart changed repentance (change of mind) is evidence that I am indeed a new creation.



What did John
hope to
accomplish?

what we have seen and heard we
proclaim to you also, **so that you too
may have fellowship with us**; and
indeed our fellowship is with the Father,
and with His Son Jesus Christ. These
things we write, **so that our joy may be
made complete.**

1 John 1:3-4

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John wanted believers to have their faith affirmed in the gospel that been proclaimed to them, and wanted the doubtful reassured.

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1 John 1:6- 2:1 (NASB)

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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John's
Arguments –
overview

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If anyone does sin

Dueling Ideas...If We Walk

- V6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;
- V7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- John is identifying those that walk in the light. They are JUSTIFIED.

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Dueling Ideas...If We Confess

- V8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
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- V1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

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Paul rebukes this notion:

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! Romans 6:1-2

John does as well:

No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 1 John 4:15

Trading Punches – Antinomians Ends

The Truth is not us. We are deceived and gone astray. We deny our need for a Savior if we believe once saved we don't hold sin.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **John 1:17**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
John 8:31

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Trading Punches – Elitists Above the Law

- V 10 'If we say that we have not sinned' - reflects that sins past, present and future...no longer existed.
- Led to belief of a Sinless State, reserved for the right righteous.

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
Romans 3:23

The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.
They have all turned aside; together they have become
corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.”

Psalms 14:2-3

Trading Punches – Elitists Above the Law

- Paul too would disagree with the elitists:

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

Romans 7: 15-18

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True Identity- Confession

- Confess in this instance is to ‘say the same’. We agree that we hold sin and fall short.

“But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me, so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land

Lev 26:40-42

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⁹ because, if you **confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Romans 10:9-10 ESV

True Identity- Confession

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without
abandon

- **We Can Come Confidently to Confess!**
- My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

We Confess
Christ



How do
we
know?




True Identity- Confession

John's Appeal

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The Result

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- God's Justice - But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:15-17

- Our confession reveals these characteristics in a new light.

True Identity-
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So, where
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