

	<p>Sinners in the Hands of a Merciful God</p> <p>1 John 1:5-10 Ryan Habbena Twin City Fellowship April 27, 2008</p>

	<p>1 John So Far</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ An Epistle of Assurance ■ Defined who the Real Jesus is ■ Focused on True Fellowship with God and Each Other

	<p>Light and Darkness</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1 John1:5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

	Cleansing from All Sin
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1 John 1:6-7 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.

	"I'm Sinless" = Self Deception
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1 John 1:8-9 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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	Listening to His Word
	<p>■ 1 John 1:10</p> <p>If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.</p>

	The Sinner and the "Righteous"
	<p>Luke 18:9-12</p> <p>And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. "The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 'I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.'</p>

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	<p>Luke 18:13-14</p> <p>"But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' "I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."</p>

	#1 Recognize You Are a Sinner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Romans 3:9 -10 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE"

	#2 Remain Repentant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Matthew 3:8 "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance"

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

	#3 Rest in the Grip of our Merciful God
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ John 10:27-29 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."

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	Romans 8:37-39 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
