



BETHELCHURCH

Overcoming the Enemy's Lies
1 John 2:1-11
Steven Dunkel

At Home Study Guide

For the week of February 7, 2016

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Lie: God holds my sins against me.

Truth: If I am in Christ, I have been made right with God. (2:1-2)

Lie: My faith is what I believe, not how I live.

Truth: I live what I believe. (2:3-6)

Lie: My faith is my love for God, not my love for others.

Truth: I can't love God without loving others. (2:7-11)

Sacrificial love is the hallmark of Christian thought and behavior. To say that you know Jesus as your savior and to live in the darkness of hate is to give evidence that you are not walking in the light of Christ's love. We know from 1 John 2 that the sacrifice of Jesus' life is the covering that turns away the wrath of God toward our sin. We also read that in Jesus, we have an advocate with the Father. He doesn't just simply cover our sin, but He sent His Spirit to live within us to cause us to desire more and more to keep His commandments. This faith in Christ leads us to love others with the same love that we have received from the Father. Our love for others authenticates the faith we have in Jesus.

- Was there anything that surprised you or stood out to you from the message on Sunday?
- Pastor Steven identified three lies and the corresponding truths from 2:1-11. Which of these three do you find most relevant to your life today?
- Read John 15. What do you notice about Jesus' commands in this chapter? What is the expectation of one who trusts Jesus as Savior? Note the warning in vv. 5-6.
- In 1 John 2:2, "propitiation," is also translated, "atoning sacrifice," and also used in 1 John 4:10. Jesus is the instrument for turning away the wrath of God as well as covering human sin. How does knowing Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for your sin as well as your advocate (2:1) cause you to want to love God more deeply?
- Your redemption from sin is the result of Jesus' work in living a sinless life, dying as our sin sacrifice and rising from the dead—victorious over sin and death. Therefore, love one another in the same way God has loved you.

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