

January 25th-26th, 2020 Sermon
“Living Out Christ’s Great Sacrifice”

1 John 2:1-6

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1 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. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

- 1) How does John’s purpose in verse 6 color the way we look at the rest of these verses? How are obedience and battling against sin connected?
- 2) One of Satan’s great tactics is to “accuse” God’s people (i.e. Rev 12:10). How does embracing Jesus as our advocate help us as we confront those accusations?
- 3) How would you explain this idea of “propitiation” to someone who doesn’t know Christ yet? (i.e. no churchy language allowed... 😊) What does Romans 3:25-26 reveal to us about the character of God?
- 4) How is obedience to Jesus’ commands connected with love? Which of Jesus’ commands do you least want to obey today?
- 5) Of these two calls to obedience and receiving grace- which do you most need to hear today? How can this group surround and encourage you as we follow Jesus together?