

Be Accepted

BELONG #2 - Pastor Gary Combs - 8/21/22 - 1 John 1:3-2:2

1 John 1:3-2:2 (ESV) ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ^{2:1} 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.

HOW TO KNOW GOD'S ACCEPTANCE:

1. Understand how sin affects our _____.

John 1:12, Psalm 32:3-5

2. Experience forgiveness from sin through _____.

Proverbs 28:13, Psalm 66:18

3. Live in victory over sin relying on our _____.

Romans 6:1-4, 1 Corinthians 15:57, Genesis 4:6-7