



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion
Day 3
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1 John 2:1-6

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for^[a] the sins of the whole world. ³We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. ⁴The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, God's love^[b] is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

The first reason for writing this letter is to “make our joy complete”.

The second is that we will not sin. In the Lord's purification process of me, I should find power over sin that once dominated me. It should be less and less as I mature in Him. When sin does come up in my life I have an advocate who speaks to God for me. This brings much comfort, but also brings a drive in me to be and do what He wants. Much like a son who loves his father, he also then wants to please him. But to know my sins (past, present and future) are forgiven because of my advocate is a freeing, comforting and peaceful thought. Atonement means that justice had been satisfied. Therefore payment has been made so that the debt is satisfied. As we live in this light, our lives will change. Obedience to God's commands is not a drudgery or duty but a delight to please the One who loved and sacrificed for me so much.

The product of obeying God is that His love is made complete in us. To make complete here means to mature or grow up which is what is talked about in verses 12-14.

O Lord, let me continue to grow and mature in who you are, and delight in obeying your commands.