

Christ, the Atoning Sacrifice

1 John 2:1 – 6, 1 John 4:9 - 17

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 59:1 - 8

Background Scripture: 1 John 2:1 – 6; 4:7 - 21

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **Identify** his or her advocate with the Father
- **Explain** the motivation and significance of Jesus' sacrifice
- **List** three ways to practice 1 John 2:6 in the week ahead

INTRODUCTION: Instead of a priest who serves in a physical Temple, God's people have Jesus as an intermediary to God, the Father. This passage encourages us to consider how deeply God loves the world. As John shows us God's great love for us, he helps us understand that our actions demonstrate our love for God. Our words mean nothing. Our lives prove our love just as Christ's action at Calvary.

KEY VERSE: *10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.* *1 John 4:10*

LESSON:

The Source of New Life

1 John 2:1 - 2

The Proof of New Life

1 John 2:3 - 6

Love in Action

1 John 4:9 - 12

Summary: In this text, John helps us see the way of love in the Christian community. He wanted us to experience close fellowship with Jesus and the Father, and live in affectionate, warm, loving community with fellow believers. What should we, as believers, understand about love in order to experience fellowship with God? First: love is central [verses 7 – 8]; second: love initiates [verses 9 – 12]; third: God does live in us [verses 13 – 16]; fourth: love frees us from fear [verses 17 – 18]; fifth: love is our proper response to God [verses 19 – 21].

Questions:

- 1. What steps can believers take to overcome and submit to Christ's authority?*
- 2. How can you be better attentive to the work of God's Spirit to produce fruit in you?*
- 3. How would you respond to someone who claims that they can confess that Jesus is the Son of God but still willfully and intentionally commit sin?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Apr. 7th</i>	Our Sins Have Hidden God's Face	Isaiah 59:1 – 8
<i>Tue., Apr. 8th</i>	Healed by Christ's Wounds	1 Peter 2:19 – 25
<i>Wed., Apr. 9th</i>	The Promise of Eternal Life	John 3:1 – 15
<i>Thurs., Apr. 10th</i>	God So Loved the World	John 3:16 – 21
<i>Fri., Apr. 11th</i>	Atonement Through His Blood	Romans 3:19 – 31
<i>Sat., Apr. 12th</i>	Reconciled to God by Christ	Romans 5:1 – 15
<i>Sun., Apr. 13th</i>	Atonement Through God's Son	1 John 2:1 – 6 4L9 - 17