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## **The Man Who Rationalizes Sin**

### **1 John 1:10; 1 John 2:1-2**

- In the first letter of John we are concerned with the great and pressing question of maintaining an intimate powerful and fruitful fellowship with the Son of God.
- It is fellowship which makes Christian life vital, compelling, effective, and worth the living.
- Fellowship here is the actual experience of his power and wisdom, his love and life at work in you.
- Walking in the light is the secret of fellowship.

There are only three kinds of conditions that can cut off fellowship.

#### **First – There is the man who ignores light.**

- One who never stops to look at what the light reveals.

#### **Second – There is the man who denies the need for light.**

- Believe that the possibility of sin has been removed.
- Believe that they have advanced so far in the Christian experience that they can no longer sin.

#### **Third – The man who rationalizes the sin. 1 John 1:10 – 2:2.**

- Many people really do not know what the word sin means.
  - We know that it suggests something bad, and we do not like to use it about ourselves. So, we have invented a lot of very fancy names for it.
  - What we are saying is that the problem is not sin, it is circumstances.
  - "If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."
  - We are putting the blame squarely on God. Genesis 3:9
- The Word of God makes clear that the Christian has a source of strength in Christ that is imparted to him from within. 2 Corinthians 4:15, Roman 8:35

**We shouldn't let sin  
separate us from Christ and the Cross.**