



THE DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE 2023

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SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023

“Continually Forgiven” / 1 John 1:8-2: 2

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- We all struggle with sin (Ch1: v8/v10)
- Thankfully God understands and forgives (Ch 2v1B)
- But we don't want to abuse God's grace (Ch v 1A)
- Because it is God's grace that empowers us to live a Holy life (Ch 2v2)
- So we confess our sin in the freedom of God's eternal forgiveness (Ch 1v9)

How do you feel when you fall short of the mark and disappoint God? Do you think, as a result of that pain, we sometimes redefine sin – we just call it something else? What's the danger of that? How do you respond when the evil one reminds you of your mistakes? What changes when we understand everyone struggles with sin?

God is light, and sometimes His light exposes our weaknesses. Do you think you are more aware of your sin now than you were years ago? Is that healthy?

Search the biblical definition of Justification and Sanctification. Our justification is a once-only event, but the sanctification process is continual. How does this help us as we consider sin and forgiveness? We not only confess our sins but we are also meant to abandon it. What does that mean?

We can abuse God's grace. We are forgiven, so we just do as we like. What is it that stops you from going down that path? Working hard at living a holy life is a matter of the heart. We seek after it because we love God so much. How does God's love, mercy and grace in forgiveness challenge/encourage you in living a life focused on not sinning?

Share how genuine confession is such a positive thing. Bible says that God is both fair and just. Why is this important? What are the positive outcomes found in v9?



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