

**Misconception 3: Man Can Become Sinless and Righteous on His Own**  
**1 John 01:10–02:02**

**1** *We can become righteous and sinless on our own*

10 If we claim we have not sinned,  
 we make him out to be a liar  
 and his word has no place in our lives.

**CHAPTER 2**

**2** *The truth:  
 We are sinful,  
 but we should not sin*

1 My 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 defence —  
 Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**3** *The provision is made if we do sin*

- a. Jesus Christ, the Advocate,  
 the one who pleads for us
- b. Jesus Christ,  
 the propitiation,  
 the atoning sacrifice,  
 for our sins

2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,  
 and not only for ours  
 but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Test 1: Obeying God’s Commands**  
**1 John 02:03–06**

**1** *The test:  
 Do we obey God’s commands?*

3 We know that we have come to know him  
 if we obey his commands.

**2** *The professing man:  
 Says he knows God  
 but does not obey His commands*

4 The man who says,  
 “I know him,”  
 but does not do what he commands is a liar,  
 and the truth is not in him.

**3** *The obedient man:  
 Obeys God’s Word*

5 But if anyone obeys his word,  
 God’s love is truly made complete in him.  
 This is how we know we are in him:

**4** *The responsible man:  
 Lives up to his profession*

6 Whoever claims to live in him  
 must walk as Jesus did.