

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master Before the Mirror of God's Word*
Lesson 3 — What is *Your Attitude Towards Sin?* — 1 John 1:8-2:2

Memory Work — 1 John 2:1

- 1) Read I John 1:1-2:2. (a) What things does John say in this passage that are similar? (Repeated themes or words) (b) Why do you think he repeats himself? (c) What do you think it means in verse 8—“to deceive ourselves”?
- 2) John says, “if we say we have not sinned, *we deceive ourselves.*” (1:8). (a) List the other things that we can be deceived about according to Scripture. Matthew 24:1-13; I Cor. 3:18-23; I Cor. 6:9,10; I Cor. 15:33; Gal 6:3,7,8; James 1:22; James 1:26 (b) Looking back at these verses in their context, what is the remedy for self-deception?
- 3) (a) How could you use the following verses to confront the error of those who say that they have no sin? Ecc. 7:20; Is. 53:6; 64:6; Romans 3:10-23. (b) What is the solution to the error of their way? See Psalm 32:5
- 4) (a) What role does our Advocate play? See John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Romans 8:26; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 4:14-16. (b) How do these verses encourage you as you walk through this life?
- 5) (a) What does Proverbs 28:13 say? (b) Are you in the habit of confessing your sins before God and others?
- 6) (a) Take some time this week to read and pray through Psalm 6, 32, 38, and 51. These are Penitent Psalms (Psalms of Repentance). (b) Do your attitudes towards sin match those of the Psalmist?
- 7) (a) Do you justify your sin or blame others for your sin? (b) After studying this passage, what do you believe the proper attitude towards sin should be? (c) What changes will you now make?
- 8) What sin(s) in your life need to be eradicated? Come with a prayer request to give to your partner addressed to your Advocate, Jesus Christ the Righteous One.