

# What Christmas Promises: Forgiveness

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text:1 John 3:1-10.
- B. Sin means to miss the mark or go over God's mark.
- C. Sin is from the devil--it is a rebellion against God.
- D. Jesus performs wonderful ministries to solve the sin problem.

## II. Jesus dies for us.

- A. He takes away our sins. (John 1:29)
- B. His death explains his birth and life.
- C. Only Christ could die for us because he was the only sinless one.
- D. Sin creates three problems: penalty, presence and power of sin. Jesus' death takes care of the penalty of sin.
- E. The penalty has been taken care of--he died for us.

## III. Jesus lives for us.

- A. A Christian is not one who is sinless, he is one who sins less.
- B. The divine nature is implanted in the Christian.
- C. We abide in Jesus Christ.
  - 1. We do this through the fellowship of the church.
  - 2. We do this by abiding in the Word of God.

## IV. Jesus is coming for us to take care of the presence of sin.

- A. The Second Coming is just as certain as his first coming.
- B. Our bodies will be transformed when Jesus returns.

## V. Our response.

- A. We should trust Jesus.
- B. We should abide in him.
- C. We should walk in the light motivated by the return of Christ. We should not be ashamed.

**Application questions:**

1. Which sin problem does Jesus' death answer? Explain.

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2. How do we abide in Christ?

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3. How would you respond to a Christian who says he is not really concerned so much about the return of Jesus? Explain.

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