

SCRIPTURE	OBSERVATIONS	INTERPRETATION/RESEARCH	APPLICATION
<p>1 John 2:1-4</p> <p>My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar & the truth is not in Him:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My little children? Why little? 2. Why did he write "these things"? 3. What is an advocate? 4. What qualities must an advocate have? 5. If anyone sins? Will they? Conditional statement. Sin? Once? Many? 6. We? Have? 7. With the Father 8. What is propitiation? 9. Know? How can we know? Verb tense? 10. Keep? What does it mean to keep His commands? 11. Any person can say they know Christ. The proof is not in the saying. 12. Says what? 13. Contrast of truth vs. lies. 14. Does not keep His commandments. All of them? Some? Time element? 15. How can we know that we know Him? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Used 7x in 1 John 2-5. Jesus used it in John 13:33 Warm intimate personal term. 2. So that we may <u>not sin</u>. Also the reasons they should pursue <u>holiness</u> or abide. There are possible perversions of this such as: (a) If sin can't be done away with, why strive for holiness? (b) If escape from sin is <u>easy</u>, why dread sin? Answer: Because of Jesus' example and who we are in Christ. I.E. we know Him! 3. Paracletos, 5x, #3875: Used of the comforter, the Holy Spirit also. One called along side to help, intercessor, one who understands and champions our cause, one who argues our cause as a lawyer. 4. Righteous, pure, truthful, holy. Why? Because He must be able to stand before the Father on the basis of character. 5. If the event arises that we sin. The "anyone" refers to believers. Sin is a single act, <u>not a habitual action</u> (aorist subjunctive). The <u>if</u> regards sin as extra-ordinary or infrequent. 6. We, you and I have (present tense) an advocate. 7. With (GK: pros) means facing, Jesus faces the Father 8. Hilasmos, 2x, #2434: Does not mean to appease as in pagan usage, but rather to satisfy the moral character of God. (See Rm 8:32, 1Tim 4:10) 9. 223x, #1097: To know by experience. If we keep His commandments we experientially know that we are His children. The verb tense is perfect, referring to a past complete act having present results. 10. Teereo, 75x, #5083: To attend to carefully, to guard, to observe. 14. There is a progressiveness here because we know that the believer will sin (1:10), this talks of a habit not an infrequent act. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We should take sin seriously & strive for holiness. 2. I need to realize that I have an advocate & be thankful. 3. See sin in my life as something that should be very infrequent. 4. Do I carefully observe God's commandments? Or do I walk as close to sin as possible? 5. I have come to know Him!