

## **Binder Reading: Evangelism Sections**

*Compelled by Love*

John 14:9

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”

- Jesus Christ came down to earth to show people what God is like.

John 1:14

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

- He exerted Himself to the utmost to communicate who He was and how to restore loving relationship with Himself. He communicated; He was, and is, the Word.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling[a] the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

- God’s central motivating focus remains the same: to communicate to people who He is and how to live in purposeful, restored relationship with Him, the message of reconciliation. Communication of this message has now been turned over to us.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

“19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.”

- To become all things to all people does not mean to sin like they do so that they will feel comfortable with you.

1 John 4:10-11

“10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

1 John 4:18-19

“18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.”

- What is the antidote to fear?

Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

- As this was His focus, it should be ours.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

“14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

- Christ love compels us to share about it
- What does it mean to be an ambassador?
- What motivated God to pay the price for reconciliation?
- What ought to be our response to His love?

*Evangelism is War*

Colossians 1:13-14

“13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

- We get to partner with Jesus on the battlegrounds as He is the one who rescues the captives

Psalm 40:1-3, 9-10

“1 I waited patiently for the Lord;

he turned to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

out of the mud and mire;

he set my feet on a rock

and gave me a firm place to stand.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,

a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the Lord

and put their trust in him.

9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;

I do not seal my lips, Lord,

as you know.

10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;

I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.

I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness

from the great assembly.

- Jesus has rescued you and reconciled you to Himself so that you can bring the message of reconciliation to others.

*Understand the Gospel Message*

Key Gospel Terms:

- Confess: admit to God your wrongdoing and ask forgiveness
- Repent: turn from your wrongdoing, ask Jesus for forgiveness, and intentionally change. At its core repentance is turning from your selfish way of living and turning to God's way
- Sins: thoughts, words, or actions God says are wrong. Either active or passive indifference to God
- Redeem: Jesus paid the penalty on the cross for your sin that separated you from Him so you could be reconciled to Him.
- Believe: to trust a statement or promise so as to act upon it. Believing Jesus' death is valid means you depend on His sacrifice alone and not on your own good deeds to justify you before God
- Justify: to be declared righteous and faultless by God, to be made right with God. being declared righteous in God's sights means having a reconciled relationship with a holy God.
- Saved: to be pardoned and freed from the penalty of sin which is death by Christ's atoning death
- Grace: unmerited and undeserved pardon

The Five Parts of the Gospel Message:

## 1. Creation

Genesis 1:26-28

“26 Then God said, “Let us make man[a] in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 2:16-17

“16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

- God loves us and created us for relationship with Himself, community with each other, and caring for His creation.
- ### 1. Rebellion

Genesis 3:1-6

“3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You[a] shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,[b] she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

- Adam and Even desired to “be like God” and decide for themselves what was good and evil. Their rebellion resulted in guilt and shame that separated them from God and from each other. They died spiritually, relationally, and would eventually die physically. Their death-producing sin corrupted the perfect creation and shifted their relationship from co-rulers to one ruling over the other.

Isaiah 53:6

“All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.”

Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Romans 5:12

“12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—”

Revelation 20:11-15

“11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. 13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 21:8

“8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

- All of us have done things God says are wrong. We have rebelled against Him, choosing to go our own independent way. The result is separation from God which is spiritual death. Unless we turn back to God, we will not only experience separation from Him in life, but eternally in hell.
1. Sacrifice
- The penalty for our rebellion must be paid with an innocent substitutionary sacrifice. It reveals the awful cost of our sin and the fathomless love of God.

1 Peter 1:18-19

“18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

Romans 5:7-8

“7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-7

“3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.”

Romans 6:23

“23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- Jesus, God Himself, loved us so much that He took our penalty and died in our place. He rose from the dead, promising resurrection and eternal life for all who repent.
1. Return
- We return to God by repenting

Acts 3:19

“19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,”

1 John 1:8-2:2

“8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Christ Our Advocate

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

- We believe (trust) that Jesus' death and resurrection paid the penalty for our wrongdoings.

Ephesians 2:8-9

“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

- Grace is unmerited pardon

2 Corinthians 5:15

“15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”

John 14:15, 23-24

“15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

23 Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.”

- We return to God by asking Him to forgive us for going our own way and for the wrong things we have done. We turn from our wrongdoings and, with God’s help, change our behavior. This is repentance. We believe (trust) that Jesus’ sacrifice paid our penalty so we can be forgiven. We surrender our lives to Him and obey Him. We repent, trust His sacrifice for our forgiveness, and surrender to Him.
1. Commission

John 1:12-13

“12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 3:16

“16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 5:24

“24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

Colossians 1:19-23

“19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.”

Matthew 28:18-20

“18 And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

*Deciding to Follow Jesus*

You can use these three questions to see if people are ready to give their lives to Jesus:

1. Have you come to the point of turning over (yielding) your life to Jesus, or are you still in the process of thinking it through?
2. Where would you say you’re at in that process?
3. Is there anything keeping you from asking Jesus to forgive you and turning your life over to Him right now?

John 5: 24

“24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

*Moving the Conversation Toward Spiritual Matters*

Questions to help steer a conversation toward spiritual matters:

- Who do you think God is and what is He like? How did you arrive at that belief?
- Who do you think Jesus is?
- What is your spiritual (or religious) background?
- How would you describe your experiences, positive or negative? In what ways?
- How involved are you now compared to the past?
- What are your thoughts now about attending a Christian group or church?
- If you could ask God any question and you knew He would answer, what would it be?

- If you were to describe your spiritual interest on a scale of 1-10, with 1 meaning "no interest" and 10 being "very interested," what number would you choose for yourself? What has affected your present level of interest?
- Try these three together, but one at a time:
  - What do you think is humanity's basic problem?
  - What's your philosophy of life?
  - How does your philosophy of life address humanity's basic problem?
- Try these two together, but one at a time:
  - What do you think is humanity's basic problem?
  - Is there a solution? If so, what do you think it is?
- How would you describe your spiritual journey?
- What do you think happens when we die? How does that affect how you live your life now? Or: What has brought you to that conclusion?

\*\*the key in these questions being useful is putting them into your own conversation style & using your own authentic curiosity. No one likes a canned interrogation.

#### *Be Intentional*

- Jesus was intentional about coming to earth as a human, intentional about being the sinless sacrifice for our sins, and intentional about finding you before you even knew you were lost. So it's important to follow Christ's example & be intentional about our pursuit of the lost.

Refer to the following list and write the names of people in your world who may not know Jesus yet:

- Family and in-laws
- Co-workers
- Neighbors and neighborhood children
- Hairdresser
- Car mechanic
- Classmates and school associations
- Doctors, nurses
- Volunteer service associates (animal shelter, food bank, etc.)
- Interests and hobbies associates (ceramics, hiking, etc.)
- Servers and regular patrons of your most frequented places:
  - Coffee shop
  - Restaurants
  - Grocery stores
  - Businesses
  - Stores
- Family and friends of new believers
- Friends of your Christian friends
- Families of children who attend church programs

#### *Answering Sincere Questions*

##### Why does God allow suffering?

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ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool[c] of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"[d] 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring[e] and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."

16 To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be contrary to[f] your husband,  
but he shall rule over you."

17 And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
'You shall not eat of it,'

cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."

20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.[g] 21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life."

- "The cause of suffering is (people's) sin and rebellion"
- not wanting God to direct their lives. God honors people's free choice to love and obey Him, or not. When people disobey God and act selfishly, they cause suffering for others.

“19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.”

- The result of people's rebellion affects the earth with natural disasters and disease, which bring about suffering.

James 4:1-3

“4 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions[a] are at war within you?[b] 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.”

- Fights and wars are caused by people's selfish, self-centered choices, being self-willed rather than yielded to God's will.

Will God condemn those who have never heard about Jesus Christ?

Romans 1:18-32

“18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world,[a] in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”

- People are "condemned because they have rejected God's revelation of Himself through creation". God has also revealed Himself through their conscience, which convicts them when they violate their own moral code. "People everywhere have received this revelation". God judges them according to how they respond to the truth they have: whether they move toward truth, and let it expose wickedness in their hearts, or suppress truth. (See also Romans 2:5-8, 14-16.)

Hebrews 11:6

“6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

- God reveals Himself to whomever seeks Him.

If God loves people, will He send them to hell because they choose not to believe in Christ?

2 Peter 3:9

“9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,[a] not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”



- Jesus waits to return because He does not want anyone to perish in eternal separation from Him but rather to repent.

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- If people's names are not in the book of life, they go to the lake of fire.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

“8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from[a] the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,”

- Hell is being eternally separated from God's presence.

Matthew 25:41

“41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”

- Hell was created for the devil; it was not intended for people.

Hebrews 9:12-14

“12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify[a] for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our[b] conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

- God made the way to heaven at great cost to Himself.

Hebrews 2:2-4

“2 For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”

- How can we escape being judged if we ignore the costly path made for us to enter His holy presence? (Angels are ministering spirits bringing messages from God.)

Will God allow good, moral non-Christians into heaven?

Romans 3:23

“23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

- All people fall short of God's glory.

Romans 3:10

““None is righteous, no, not one;”

- No one is righteous.

Isaiah 64:6

“ We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.”

- Our righteous acts are like filthy rags.

Genesis 3:5

“5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- Self-will is the root sin. All people are guilty of being 'god' to themselves.

Matthew 6:9-10

“9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.[a]  
10 Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,[b]  
on earth as it is in heaven.”

- ..Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (emphasis added) If people don't want God's rule in their lives now, they won't like heaven.

Is Jesus the only way to God?

John 14:6

“6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

- Jesus claimed to be the only way to God the Father.

1 Timothy 2:5

“5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man[a] Christ Jesus,”

- Jesus Christ is the one mediator between God and people.

Colossians 1:19-20

“19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”

- The Christian God is the only One who paid the penalty of wrongdoings through His own atoning death. Other religions offer possible salvation through certain behavior.

Hebrews 7:25-27

“25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost[a] those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.”

- This passage refers to Jesus Christ. (See also Hebrews 9:12-14.) The Christian God is the only One who became a man and paid for our sins with His own death, and who rose from the dead, proving He was truly God.

Will I be able to live the Christian life?

John 14:15-17

“15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,[a] to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be[b] in you.”

- When you give your life to Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live within you, helping you live the Christian life. Rely on His power, not on your own willpower.

1 John 1:5-2:2

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- Walking in the light means staying in authentic friendship with other believers, encouraging and, when necessary, gently rebuking one another. Believers are meant to help each other obey Jesus.

James 5:16

“5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Christ Our Advocate

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

- Confess your faults to each other.

Philippians 2:12-13

“12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

- As you choose to obey God, He is at work within you, giving you the will and the ability to obey Him.