

**April 17, 2022 (Easter)**  
***The Bridge Bible Fellowship***  
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**1 John 2:1-2**

**“Easter 2022: Hallelujah! What A Savior!”**

- I. Prologue [Introduction] – 1:1-4
- II. Tests of Genuine Fellowship: Cycle (Spiral) #1 – 1:5-2:27
  - A. The Moral Test – 1:5-2:6
    - 1. The Standard (Criterion): Light – 1:5
    - 2. The Statements (Contrasts) – 1:6-10
  - 3. The Savior (Christ) – 2:1-2**
    - a. Advocate (High Priest)**
      - 1) His Prayers
      - 2) His Pleas
    - b. Propitiation**

## Discussion & Application:

1. So many songs about Jesus call Him a “**Savior**.” What is a Savior? Why do we need a Savior? What is wrong with the idea that we will get to heaven based on how good we are?
2. What is **sin**? Why is it offensive to God? Some people say, “I’m a parent, and when my kids come admitting they have done something wrong, I simply forgive them. If God is the perfect parent, why can’t He simply forgive our sins?” What is wrong with that line of thinking? Why can’t God just forgive people because He loves them? What is it about the nature of God that won’t allow that?
3. From what and to what does Jesus save people? How does Titus 2:11-14 help answer that question?
4. 1 John 2:1 says that Jesus is an **Advocate**. What is an advocate? What other word did translators of the Bible use besides advocate? See John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7. Who is said to be our Advocate in those verses? Why do we need an advocate?
5. Jesus is our ultimate and final **High Priest** (Heb. 7:24). Read **John 17**, called by many, the “High Priestly prayer of Jesus.” What specific things did Jesus pray about for His disciples and ultimately for all believers of all time?
6. Read **Heb. 7:25**. Why does Jesus continue to pray for people who have already trusted Him and are children of God?
7. What does the word “**propitiation**” mean? How was it used in the Old Testament (ark of the covenant; mercy seat; Holy of Holies)? Who and/or what exactly is propitiated?
8. Read **Romans 3:19-26**. How is Jesus the propitiation for our sins? What did He do? How do we appropriate what He did for us?
9. In 1 John 2:2, it says that Jesus is Himself the propitiation for the **sins of the whole world**. Does that mean that everyone will ultimately go to heaven (universalism)? See Mt. 7:21-27; 25:31-46; Rev. 20:11-15. If not, what point is John making in 1 John 2:2? What implications does that have for every person who is a follower of Jesus (Mt. 28:16-20; Jn. 14:6; Acts 1:8; 4:12)?
10. What does the **resurrection** of Jesus have to do with our salvation? What does it tell us about who Jesus is? What assurance does it bring to those who have put their trust in Jesus and His finished work on the cross alone for forgiveness, righteousness, and eternal life?
11. Who is Jesus? Is He your Savior and Lord? Are you 100% sure that if you died today that you would spend eternity in heaven?
  - **Admit that you are a sinner and guilty before God.** *“For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”* (Rom. 3:23) *“For the wages of sin is death”* (Rom. 6:23)
  - **Turn from your sin in repentance.** *“Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;”* (Acts 3:19)
  - **Believe and Publicly Confess that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave victorious over sin.** *“...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”*
  - **Receive God’s free gift of eternal life through Jesus.** *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name...”* (Jn. 1:12)