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I John 2:1-6

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### Know It

- It can be known, otherwise how can it be dealt with?
  - I John 2:1 - "I am writing these things to you ..."
- "Assuming" is not "Knowing"
  - We must not assume we are in sin - (i.e. - sinful nature) (cf. Romans 7:9; Ezekiel 18:20; I John 3:7-8); or are unable to resist - (cf. I Corinthians 10:13)
  - The law reveals sin, and it can be known - I John 3:4; Romans 7:7, 12
  - Forgiveness must be sought - Isaiah 55:6-7
- Pray for knowledge - Leviticus 4:13-14; Psalms 119:17-19; 139:23-24

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- Repentance requires knowledge of sin
  - Acts 8:20-23 - would Simon know what "this" was?
  - By definition - *metanoēō* - *meta*, "after," implying "change," *noēō*, "to perceive" (Vine)
  - Repentance is granted through knowledge - Acts 5:31; 11:18; Luke 24:46-47

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- Repentance is not just regret
  - *metanoia* - "lit., "to perceive afterwards" (Vine)
  - *metamelomai* - "*meta*, as in No. 1 ["after," implying "change"], and *melo*, "to care for" (Vine) (cf. Matthew 27:3-5 - Judas)
  - True repentance is a change of the entire person - II Corinthians 7:8-11 - intellect, emotion, will (leading to action; cf. Luke 3:8-14)

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- Confession of sin is a condition of forgiveness (I John 1:9)
  - Confession also requires knowledge - "*if we confess our sins*" - not generic, but specific.
    - Not that "*we have sinned*"; not "*our sinfulness*"; not that "*we may have sinned*."
  - *homologeō* - "lit., 'to speak the same thing' (*homos*, "same," *lego*, "to speak") ... (b) "to confess by way of admitting oneself guilty of what one is accused of, the result of inward conviction," (Vine)

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    - Acts 19:18-19 - confessing deeds.
    - Psalms 32:3-5 - from hiding to admitting. (cf. Proverbs 28:13)
    - Not "total recall" of specific moments and amounts - but the drunkard must confess his drunkenness, the liar his lying, etc.

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Pray for Forgiveness of It**

- Forgiveness must be asked for in prayer - Acts 8:22-24; Mark 2:5-7; Matthew 7:7-11; I John 5:14-16
- Prayer can be requested of others - Acts 8:24; James 5:16; I John 5:14-16

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- **Hear the Word of God**
  - James 1:21 - “Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and **receive with meekness the implanted word**, which is able to save your souls.”
- **Believe that Jesus is the Savior**
  - Romans 10:11 - “For the Scripture says, ‘**Everyone who believes in him** will not be put to shame.’”

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- **Repent of your sins**
  - Acts 3:19 - “**Repent** therefore, and turn again, **that your sins may be blotted out**”
- **Confess that Jesus is the Son of God**
  - Romans 10:10 - “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and **with the mouth one confesses** and is saved.”

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- **Be immersed in water (baptized)**
  - Acts 2:38 - “And Peter said to them, ‘**Repent and be baptized every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”
- **Remain faithful**
  - I Corinthians 15:1-2 - “... by which you are being saved, **if you hold fast** to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain.”