

# 1 JOHN 1:8-9 (ESV)

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- 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.

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**deceive:** *believe a lie*

**confess:** *tell God we're sorry for*

**just:** *right and fair*

**cleanse:** *make perfectly clean*

**unrighteousness:** *sin*

# 1 JOHN (GENERAL LETTERS)

## BOOK OF THE BIBLE

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

**1 JOHN**

2 John

3 John

Jude



**DID YOU KNOW?** John, a disciple of Jesus, wrote most of the book of 1 John. John wrote this letter to help Christians understand how much God loved them and how they can have fellowship (a close, loving relationship) with God and others.

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN?** We all have a problem. We sin. Everyday. If we think our sin isn't a problem, we're deceiving ourselves and believing a lie. Our sin is a huge problem because it separates us from God. The good news is that if we see our sin as a big deal and tell God we're sorry, He will always forgive us. God's forgiveness is a free gift of His grace, but this free gift is a big deal because it cost Jesus His life. Jesus died so that we can be forgiven. He took the punishment for our sins to make our hearts new and clean. Because we have been forgiven and cleansed we can turn from our sin by trusting and obeying Jesus.