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1JOHN 1:8

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This letter was written by John to **shepherd a flock**:
He wanted to deal with some **false teaching**:

The phrase *'if we say'* is used 7 times to expose a lie or false belief

- 1 John 1:6 = false **fellowship**
- 1 John 1:8 = false **sanctity**
- 1 John 1:10 = false **righteousness**
- 1 John 2:4 = false **allegiance**
- 1 John 2:6 = false **spirituality**
- 1 John 4:20 = false **love to God**

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and the truth is not in us.”

The expression “**have...**” denotes the experience of possession of a virtue(s); sensation, desire, emotion, intellect, fault, defect, spiritual faculty like.

- *To have life, is greater than the act of living*
- *To have sorrow, is more than to be sorrowful*
- *To have faith, is stronger than to believe*

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They are saying in the strongest way possible:

We 'have no' sin.

Not that they do not just commit sins.

What is **Sin**?

“Sin” is missing the mark.

“If we say that we **have no sin**, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.”

Sin cannot continue being a **lifestyle choice** if we
have surrendered our lives to Jesus – (as Lord)
(Romans 10:9; Colossians 2:6).

We have the hope that the power of God is at
work in us to “**make us more and more like him as
we are changed into his glorious image**”
(2 Corinthians 3:18, NLT).