

## "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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Highlights of Chapters two and three. I John 2:1-2 sets the high standard that the goal of the Godly life to live life to the fullest and without sin. The goal is to be like Jesus. However, the promise of God to all His children is that **when** they sin, **not if** they sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. The scriptures are clear that the devil is the accuser of all God's children, he seeks to lure us into temptation and then when we give in to that temptation the slanderer, the adversary slams us with the reality of our failures and sins. Jesus serves as our defense attorney to stand up against the evil accuser. Jesus the righteous one, objects on the basis of His shed blood that cleanses us from all sin and His earned righteousness and obedience that is credited to each of His children's accounts! He is the propitiation for our sins. He is the mercy seat, the lid that covers the broken law, the rebellion against both the daily provision of God and the authority of God, represented by the tablets, the pot of manna, and the budding rod respectively. He is also the blood sacrifice that atones for our sins and ultimately washes us clean completely.

The passages in I John 2:15-17 deal with friendship with the world and fellowship with God. The two do not go together. The apostle declares that if any man loves, that is in friendship with the world system that is opposed to God, **"that the love of the Father is not in him."** The reason is all that is in the world are the three categories of sin that all kinds of sin fall under, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. These are the categories that the Lord Jesus was tempted in as all men, only Jesus did not give in to the temptation, but rather overcame every sin and all sin, but the Word of God that filled His life.

I John 2:28-3:3 shifts to the coming of Jesus and the purifying effects of the expectation of this hope and assurance. Followers of Jesus are to walk in holiness and godliness looking forward to the coming of the Lord. As we see ourselves now, sometimes it is jolting to remember that right now, this very moment, we are presently the sons of God. As we see ourselves it is hard to believe that one day soon, we will see Jesus in all His glory and majesty and every child of God will be transformed to be like Jesus forever. Every person who has this expectancy and anticipation will be aided in living a Godlier life.

### Prayer and Action Steps

***Thank you, Lord, that you have saved us and will keep us saved not only now, but in eternity. May we live our lives in the Biblical reality that Jesus could come at any moment.***

***Amen***