

1 John 2:1-2 (NLT)

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if you do sin, there is someone to plead for you before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who pleases God completely. He is the sacrifice for our sins. He takes away not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

"I promise I won't do it again."

"Please don't punish me, I'm sorry."

Does this sound like our children, or us?

If you have kids, you know when they mess up they are pleading their case, not wanting to be punished for what they have done, and will promise over and over that they won't do it again.

But then, don't we do the same thing with God, pleading and crying for His forgiveness? We promise that we won't do it again, until we do, then we make the same promise, again. But did you read today's devotional verse? Read it again.

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Why are we pleading when we don't have to?

The bible says:

† **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Notice it says to confess, which is to tell the truth about the wrong we have done. But also notice it doesn't say to plead our case, because no matter how much we plead or don't plead, God will forgive us if we just confess our sins.

Think of a courtroom, where the defendant is sitting, he or she just has to make a plea of guilty or not guilty. It's the lawyer's job to plead his case before the court.

When we confess our sins, we just have to admit our guilt, and it's Jesus' job to plead our case before God, because Jesus paid the price for every one of our sins, and that is His plea to God.

† ***He is the sacrifice for our sins.***

† **Hebrews 7:25 (NLT2)** *Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.*