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4 Everyone who commits sin also breaks the law; sin is the breaking of law.

5 You know that He was revealed so that He might take away sins, and there is no sin in Him.

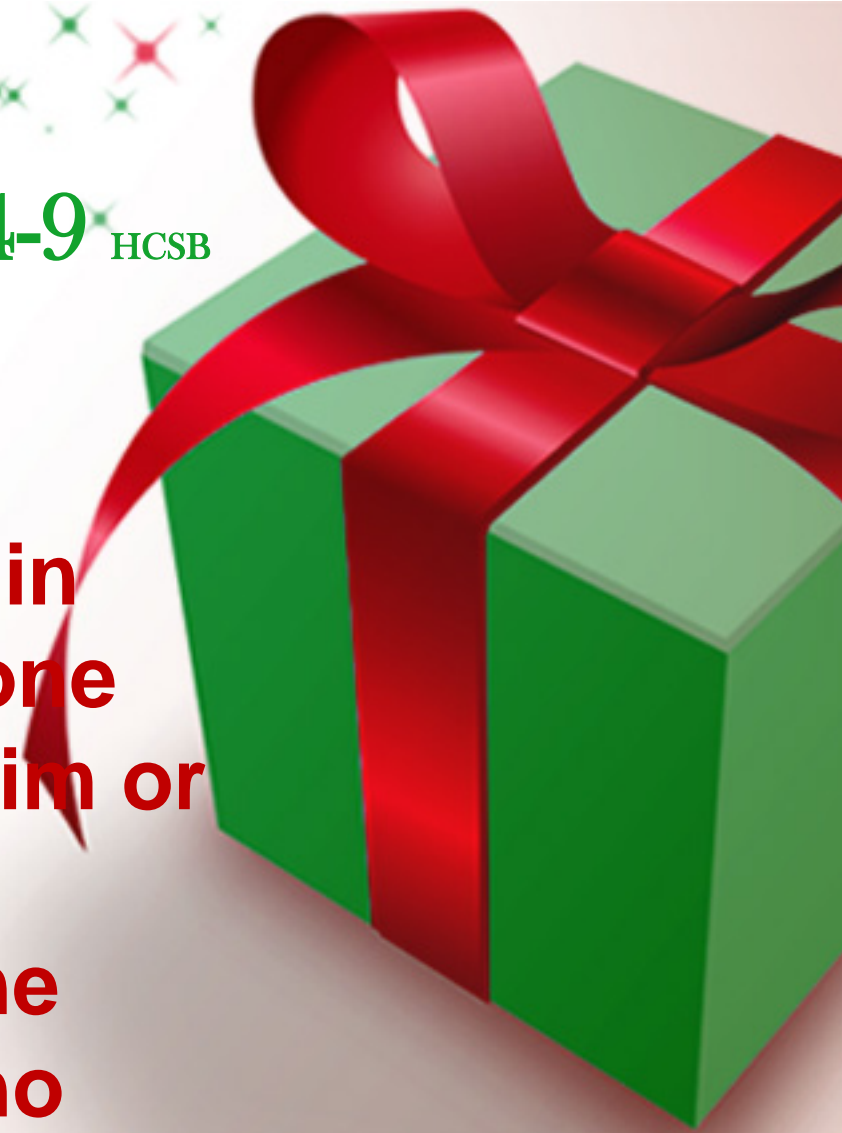


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6 Everyone who remains in Him does not sin; everyone who sins has not seen Him or known Him.

7 Little children, let no one deceive you! The one who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous.



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8 The one who commits sin is of the Devil, for the Devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the Devil's works.



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9 Everyone who has been born of God does not sin, because His seed remains in him; he is not able to sin, because he has been born of God.



1. Christ Brings Peace

...so that He might take away sins,

The Law was given to direct us toward God and keep us from sin. But we could not do it on our own.

Christ brings us peace through His power to remove the punishment of sin.

2. Christ's Peace is True

7...The one who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous.

If we do not have a belief that behaves (true, righteous), we probably do not have a "salvation" that saves.

If we have no salvation then there is no peace.

2. Christ's Peace is True

✧ A sinner is not a sinner because he or she sins; a person sins because he or she is a sinner. Believers in the Lord Jesus are declared righteous by God (Rom. 4:1-5).

We are not righteous because we do good things; we do good because we are righteous (holy).

Thus, Christ's peace is true and pure

3. Christ's Peace is Secure

9 Everyone who has been born of God does not sin, because His seed remains in him;

Again the word for remain is *meno* or dwell.

This dwelling allows us peace from disobedience and the consequences of sin.

3. Christ's Peace is Secure

9 he is not able to sin, because he has been born of God.

To sin means to continue in sin; to constantly sin; to practice sin; to habitually sin; to live in sin. This needs to be clearly understood. Scripture is not saying that a person reaches sinless perfection while on earth. The believer is free from living in and practicing sin.

This our security in Christ.

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Christmas is about God's gift

Jesus
God's Gift of Peace

**14 "Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill
toward men!"** Luke 2:14 (NKJV)

