“If Anyone Sins ...”
1 John 2:1

Introduction:
A. To sin is to “miss the mark.” (Thayer, Strong).
B. To sin is to “trespass” or to pass over (a boundary).
C. If anyone sins, there are some things he should know:

Discussion:

I. He Is Not Alone in Sinning.
A. All men have sinned (Rom. 3:10,23).
B. All Christians sin (1 John 1:8, 10).
   1. Does not continue in sin.
   2. Does not live a life of sin.
C. Great men of faith have sinned and overcame it.
   1. Abraham.
   2. Moses
   3. David.
   4. Peter.

II. He Is Without Excuse (cf. Rom. 1:20)
A. Universality no excuse.
B. Good results no excuse. (Rom. 3:8)

III. He Sins Against Someone.
A. Every sin is against God and one self.
   1. Prodigal sinned against heaven. (Lk. 15:18,21)
   2. Pharisees rejected counsel of God against themselves. (Lk 7:30 KJV).
B. Many sins are also against and/or in the sight of others. (Cf. 1 Cor. 8:12; Lk. 15:18)

IV. He must Be Convicted/convinced of His Sin (John 16:8).
A. David: “You are the man.” (2 Sam. 12:1-7).
B. Saul: “I have sinned...played the fool and erred exceedingly (1 Sam. 16:21)

V. He Must Repent of Sin or Else.
A. Or be held accountable until he does.
   1. God holds us accountable until we repent. (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9)
   2. We need to hold others accountable until they repent (Lk. 17:3).
B. Or reap the wages of sin. (Rom. 6:23; cf. Gal. 6:7,8).

VI. He Has an Advocate with the Father.
A. Advocate is a “counselor for the defense.” (Thayer).
B. He is at the right hand of God, on our behalf. (Heb. 2:17,18; 4:14-16).
C. He is the one who bore our sins in his own body. (1 Pet. 2:24).

Conclusion:
A. What have you done about your sins?
B. Have you had them washed away in baptism? (Cf. Acts 22:16).
C. Have you, as a Christian, repented and asked forgiven of those you sinned against and before?