

**"Did so!" "Are too!"**

Today's Reading

1 John 1:1-10



"Did so!"  
"Did not!"  
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"Did not!"

That grade school exchange of accusation and denial is descriptive of the apostle's warning in 1 John 1. While the Bible makes it clear that you have sinned and do sin, you dare not deny it. In fact, if you do attempt to say, "Did not", you are declared to be deceived and are declaring God to be a liar. Ouch! Those are strong words!

Rather than attempting to live in a state of deceived denial, the biblical response to the reality of sin, is one of confession! Every time you sin, you should agree with God that you have violated His will. 1 John 1:9 is a powerful verse... one worthy of memorizing!

"Are too!"  
"Am not!"  
"Are too!"  
"Am not!"

That imaginary dialogue may parallel the contrast between the declaration of the Scriptures and how you feel after confessing sin. The Bible states clearly that you are forgiven and purified by the God who is faithful and just. Meanwhile, unable to fathom that, you may conclude, "I am not! It can't be that simple can it? Forgiveness must include confession and some type of penance, right?" As a result, you continue to beat yourself up over your failure.

If you have confessed sin to God, don't continue to live in guilt over your past. God's word gives you the final word. Accept by faith the fact that you have been forgiven and purified.

If you haven't already, memorize 1 John 1:9 as a reminder of what you need to do when you sin and what God promises to do when you confess sin to Him!