



1 John 2:1-2 (NIV) *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

1. **The First Half of the Core Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_ - satisfying justice when we break God's law.

2. **The Second Half of the Core Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_ - one who takes the place of another.

### Examples of the Core Idea in the Bible

*Genesis 3:21 - "coverings" for the first sinners*

*Exodus 12:23 - sacrificial lamb*

*Leviticus 23:27 - The Day of Atonement.*

*Isaiah 53:5-6 - "...by His wounds we are healed."*

*John 1:29 - "...the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

*Matthew 26:28 - "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."*

*John 19:30 - "...Jesus said, 'It is finished.'"*

**Summary of Our Faith:** The core idea of Christianity is substitutionary atonement – Jesus willingly paid for my sin so I could be set free.

**I understand the core idea.**

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(Name) (Date)

**I received God's forgiveness, which the core idea makes possible.**

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(Name) (Date)

*Yet to all who **received** him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)*

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### Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize 1 John 2:2.
- Why do so many people fail to grasp the difference between religions and Jesus?
- Do you know someone who needs to better understand the core idea? How could you share with them?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *The Cross of Jesus* by Warren Wiersbe.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.