

**True Love Tells... It better than I told you so.
1 John 2:1-6**

How do followers of Christ deal with the toxic effects of anger caused by relational sin to persevere in community?

The efficacy of God's antidote for the toxic effects of anger caused by relational sin in our fellowship relies on...

- I. The intercessory and propitiatory ministry of Jesus Christ 1 John 2:1-2 (1 John 4:10)**
 - a. Sin and the toxic effects of anger v. 1 – cf. James 1:19-25, Ephesians 4:26-27, Romans 12:16-21, Eph. 2:1-5.
 - b. God's antidote: The current ministry of Christ as our High Priest – Intercession and propitiation (atonement- cleansing from sin and turning away of God's wrath) 1 Thess. 1:10, Romans 3:24-25.

- II. Our commitment to a growing, intimate, life-changing and life-giving relationship with Jesus that replaces anger with obedience to God's word motivated by God' love 1 John 2:3-6.**
 - a. To know and be known- when love replaces anger Matthew 18:21-35
 - b. The evidence: God's talk determines our walk: abiding in obedience to God's word motivated by love.

**Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath against us
To give us God's cup of forgiveness and salvation**

**Is Jesus' blood good enough to turn you away from anger to God's love?
Forgive others their debts as God has forgiven yours in Christ.**

1. If you are struggling with anger carrying the hurts of someone's sins against you or the shame and guilt of your own sins against someone, please know you are not alone. In fact, Jesus has already fought this battle for you and won the victory at the cross. Jesus' forgiveness is given to those who ask for it in faith and those who he has forgiven can now give the same gift. Is there someone you need to forgive today or ask for forgiveness?
2. Is God's love for your closest relationships evident in your daily walk or are you walking in a way that is not consistent with God's talking? What does God want you to do to make both match?