



Sermon series: Joy Full  
Text: 1 John 1:5-10  
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## Hide and Seek

**The Premise:** Drawing near to God will \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 5)

**The Warnings:** Responding to sin in the wrong way will \_\_\_\_\_ out \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6, 8, 10)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ sin away will choke out joy. (Psalm 32:3-4)

*The more isolated a person is, the more destructive will be the power of sin over him, and the more deeply he becomes involved in it, the more disastrous is his isolation. Sins wants to remain unknown. It shuns the light. In the darkness of the unexpressed it poisons the whole being of a person. -Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ sin away will choke out joy. (Proverbs 28:13)

**The Promises:** Responding to sin in the right way will \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 7, 9)

1. Confessing our sin deepens delight in \_\_\_\_\_.

*It may be that Christians, notwithstanding corporate worship, common prayer, and all their fellowship in service, may still be left to their loneliness. The final break-through to fellowship does not occur, because, though they have fellowship with one another as believers and as devout people, they do not have fellowship as the undevout, as sinners... "In **confession** the break-through to community takes place." -Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

2. Confessing our sin deepens our delight in \_\_\_\_\_

**Big idea: Confession of sin is an instrument of joy.**

*Do you agree that growing in maturity as a Christian means becoming more aware of and grieved by sin? How have you seen that happen in your own life? What are other means that God has used to expose sin in your life?*

*Which of the following would be more likely to keep you from confessing sin – fear or comfort? Why?*

*What ways are you most likely to deny sin in your life? (Judgment of others, rationalization of sin, others?)*



*Do you think it's important to confess your sins to other Christians? Why or why not?*

*Have you experienced a time where you confessed your sin to someone else and they responded poorly? What did that do to you? OR Have you experienced a time where you confessed your sin to someone else and they responded well? What did that do to you?*

*Read this article by Sam Allberry as a CARE Group: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/i-trust-them-with-my-sins>. What stuck out to you about how we can welcome other people to confess their sins or struggles? Are there other ways beyond the four he lists that can encourage people to confess sins and struggles?*

*Do you see confession to God more as a burden or a joy? What do you believe the benefits of confessing your sin can be?*

*What makes the promise of 1 John 1:9 encouraging to you? What other promises in the Bible do you find most encouraging in the face of your sin?*