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I John 2:1

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- Jesus employed this strategy over and over in dealing with the people to whom he ministered.
 - John 4:7-26
 - John 8:1-11
 - Mark 10:17-22

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- If this indeed is the approach of the Master then why is it not the approach of his church?
- It seems that we have gotten his approach backwards.
 - We have become weak on sin and hard on sinners.

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- We have become conformers and not transformers. (Romans 12:1-2)
- If we are ever going to effectively reach people for Christ and grow his church then we must abhor sin but love humanity.
- Today, we are going to analyze this further.

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- *Transformational churches are*
- Strong on sin when it comes to identifying it.
I Cor. 6:9
- Strong on sin when it comes to our involvement with it.- Romans 6:12; 7:15-24
- Strong on sin when it comes to the impact of it-
Romans 6:23

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- *Transformational churches are.....*
- Soft on sinners when it comes to our identifying their sin. (Bringing it to their attention)-Gal. 6:1
- Soft on sinners when it comes to our involvement with them. (admonish them as a brother)- II Thess. 3:15
- Soft on sinners when it comes to the impact of their sin (apathetic to their condition)- Rom. 9:2; 10:1-3