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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 John 2:1-2 *My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—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. (NIV)*

If you have ever had any doubts about God's love for you, this passage should dispel any notion that God has selective forgiveness. There are two demonstrative words used by John here. The first is the word, is 'anybody,' which is the Greek word **tis**. This means anyone. This is a definition that points to all people. The second is the phrase in v. 2, 'the whole world.' The Greek is **olou** which means whole and complete. You may ask why is this so important? Specifically, because there is an attack upon the complete and comprehensive love of God in today's world. Many want to feel 'special' that somehow God chose them to be saved and not others. Let me tell you today that God's love is absolutely and completely unconditional. If it were not, then that love would not be perfect and hence, He would not be. But He is! And His love is!

This is critical to the understanding of walking in the presence of the LORD and enjoying communion with Him. **Titus 3:5** *He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)* We, in no way, could earn His salvation nor His love. Salvation is totally from Him and because of Him. This love cost Him everything. Yet He was willing to give His unconditional love because His love is pure, and right and complete. The Advocate, Jesus Christ, is ever interceding for us. He is our propitiation. He who had no sin, became sin for us so that we could be made right with God. This should be our motivation to desire to run to Him, and to stay in Him. He delights to have us in His presence. He wants to continually bless us and grow us into the likeness of His Son.

Dear LORD, I pray that those who have accepted the lie of the evil one; that Jesus did not die for the sins of the whole world, but just for a certain chosen people, will be squelched for the lie that it is. Your love is complete and perfect in every way. I praise You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen