

A wooden branch runs diagonally across the frame. A red rope is tied in a knot around the branch. The background is a soft-focus scene of autumn leaves in warm tones of orange, yellow, and brown. Sunlight rays are visible, creating a warm, ethereal atmosphere.

LOVE

one another

A SERMON SERIES
FROM 1 JOHN

OUTLINE OF FIRST JOHN

BASIS OF LOVE

**Conditions
of Love**

Chapter1

**ABIDING IN
GOD'S LIGHT**

**Cautions
of Love**

Chapter2

BEHAVIOUR OF LOVE

**Characteristics
of Love**

Chapters 3&4

**ABIDING IN
GOD'S LOVE**

**Consequences
of Love**

Chapter5

**ABIDING IN
GOD'S LIFE**

*Written in Ephesus c.90AD by Apostle John.
Written to refute Gnostic error in Churches John oversaw.*

Main Theme of 1 John

Light
6 Mentions
(1-2)

Love
46 Mentions
(3-4)

Life
18 Mentions
(5)



PART TWO: CONDITIONS OF LOVE: CLEANSING

Three types of Christians needing cleansing.
(1 John 1:5-2:2)

1. The Hypocrite

1 John 1:5-7 (NKJV)

⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Luke 18:9-14

***God, be merciful to
me a sinner!***

***God, I thank You that I am not like
other men—extortioners, unjust,
adulterers, or even as this tax
collector. I fast twice a week; I give
tithes of all that I possess.***

**I tell you; this man went down to his
house justified *rather* than the
other; for everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled, and he who
humbles himself will be exalted.**

2. The Self-Deceiver

1 John 1:8-10 (NKJV)

⁸ ***If** we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

⁹ ***If** we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Sin = Sin Nature

Sins = Individual personal sins

**Do 1 John 3:6,9 and 1 John 5:18
contradict 1 John 1:8,10?**

**WHOEVER ABIDES IN HIM
DOES NOT SIN.
WHOEVER SINS HAS NEITHER
SEEN HIM NOR KNOWN HIM.
1 JOHN 3:6 (NKJV)**

**No! The Greek tense is present
continuous – ongoing sinful habits.**

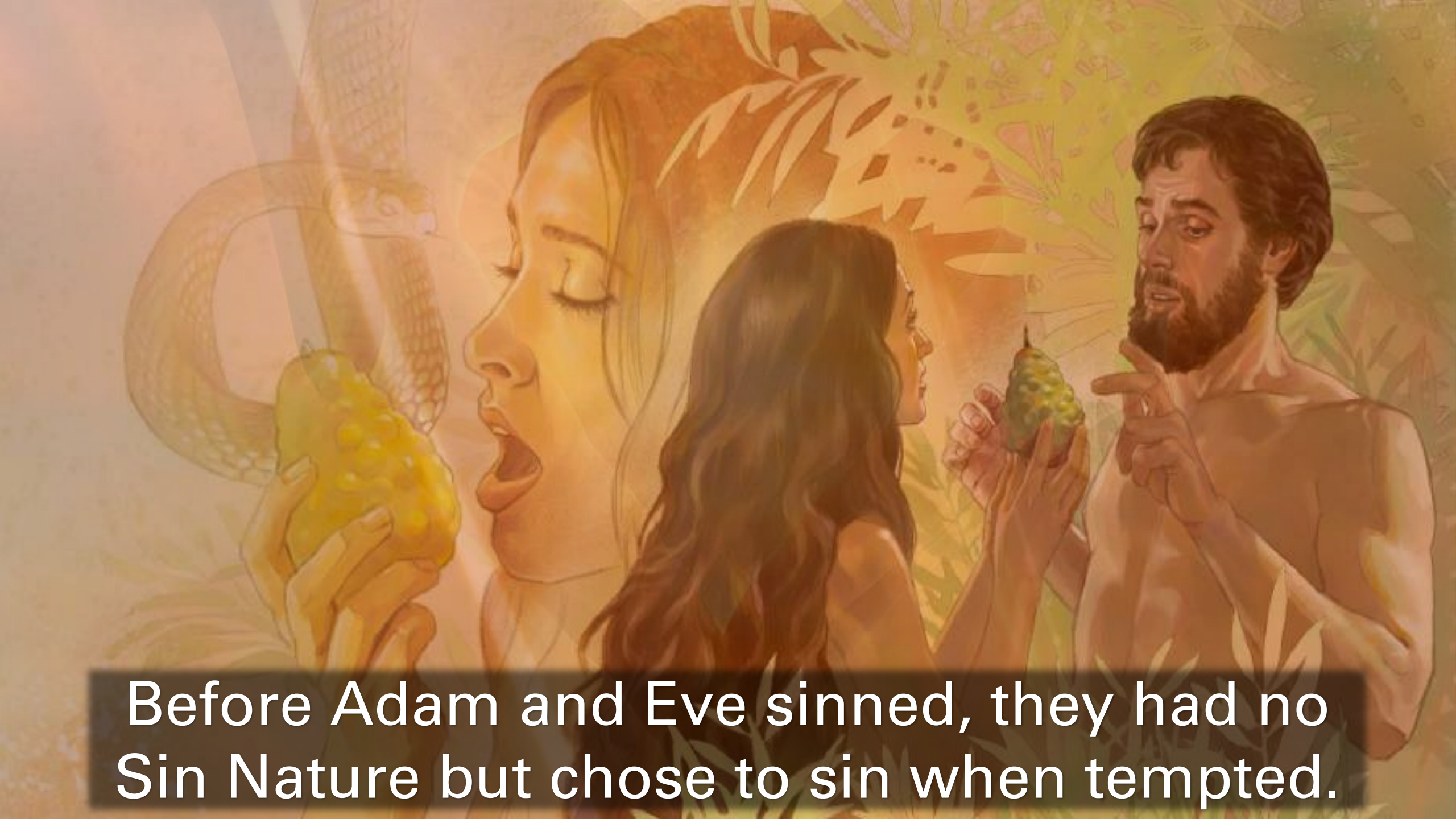
NO ONE WHO LIVES
IN HIM KEEPS ON
SINNING. NO ONE
WHO CONTINUES TO
SIN HAS EITHER SEEN
HIM OR KNOWN HIM.

- 1 JOHN 3:6 (NIV)

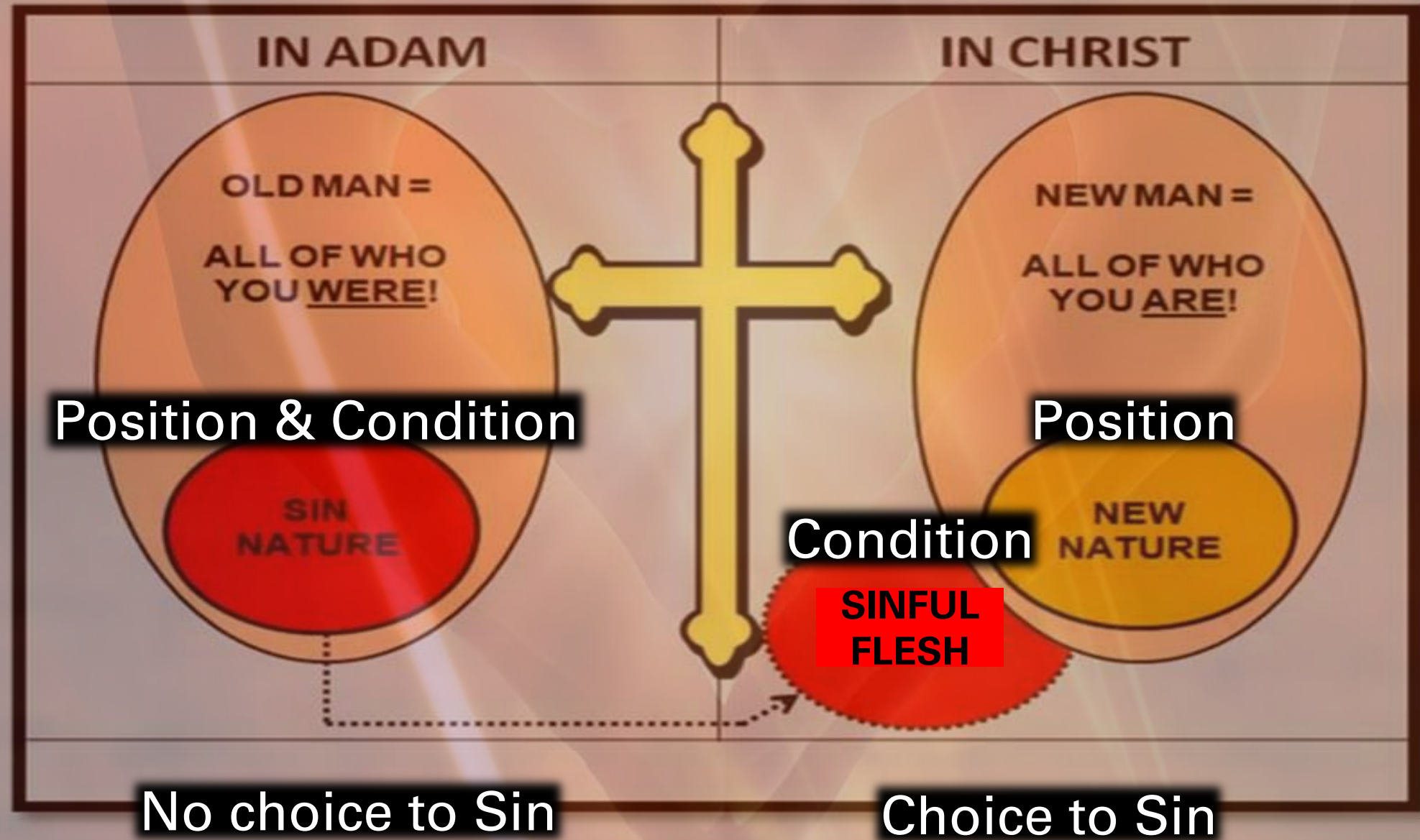
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No one who is born of
God will continue to sin,
because God's seed remains
in him; he cannot go on
sinning, because he has
been born of God.

1 John 3:9 (NIV)



Before Adam and Eve sinned, they had no Sin Nature but chose to sin when tempted.



3. The Willful Rebel

1 John 1:10-2:2 (NKJV)

***If** we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And **if** anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

RATIONALIZING SO SINFUL BEHAVIOUR

King Saul tried to rationalize his sin

1 Samuel 13:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ And Samuel said, “What have you done?” Saul said, “When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, ¹² then I said, ‘The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord.’ Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering.”



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- 2. The Self-Deceiver**
- 3. The Willful Rebel**

These are Christians defiled by darkness and the light cannot shine through them to love one another. They need cleansing by the blood of Jesus.