

Life That Is Real
“Whose Child are You?”
I John 3:4-10
Pt. 8

Introduction - Ask, “*Whose child are you?*” vs. 10. God’s children are manifest by two distinguishing marks!

1. Righteous living! vv. 4-10.
2. Righteous loving! vv. 11-24.

So the birthmark of a true child of God is righteousness - 2:29.

In our text John gives us four reason why sin is not compatible with the Christian life.

1. Because of the nature of sin, vs. 4.

John states a universal truth from which there is no escape and to which there is no exception. “Whosoever” vs. 4. (the heretics)

Commiteth sin, is in the present tense. We have a definition of sin, it’s literally, “sin is lawlessness.”

Anyone who commits sin acts in defiance of God’s holy law.

Illus. David, Ps. 51.

2. Because of the Person and work of Christ, vv. 5-7.

Note - vs. 5, “ye know”.....(John appeals to the knowledge of his readers.) Ask? What is it that they know? “The reason Christ came into the world!” What the false teachers said.....

3. “Because He who is practicing sin of the devil,” vs. 8.

Note the second reason Jesus came. Ask how did Jesus destroy the works of the devil? Answer, the cross! Col. 2:14-15.

If, then, the whole purpose of Christ’s first appearing was to remove sins and to undo the works of the devil, Christians must not compromise with either sin or the devil, or they will find themselves fighting against Christ. If the first step to holiness is to recognize the sinfulness of sin, both in its essence as lawlessness and in its diabolical origin, the second step is to see its absolute incompatibility with Christ in His sinless Person and saving work. The more clearly we grasp

these facts, the more incongruous will sin appear and the more determined we shall be to be rid of it.

4. Because God's seed is in us, vs. 9.

Ask, *what seed?* A Christian has been "born of God", its regeneration. (Re-"again" & generation- "birth".)

So we have a new nature! It's new life!

Illustration:

Needs:

- "Food" Matt. 4:4
- "Cleansing"
- "Exercise"

1. The nature of sin.
2. The Person and work of Christ.
3. If you practice sin, you're of the devil.
4. God's seed is in you.

John's concluding summary, vs. 10.

Only two groups!

Ask, *what group are you in?*

How to become a child of God!

1. God the Father loves you, vv. 1-3.
2. God the Son died for you, vs. 5 & 8.
3. God the Holy Spirit lives in You, vs. 9.