

Series "Following After God"
"The Victorious Life"
1 John 3:4-10
Study-8

1 John 2:28-3:10 Maintaining Righteousness: It is the practical living out the very nature of Jesus Christ.

1. Verse 4 – The Nature Of Sin:

2. Verses 5-7 – Jesus Came To Destroy Sin:

3. Verse 8 – The Devil's Family Trait Is Sin:

4. Verses 9-10 – God's Children Cannot Sin:

1. Verse 4 – The Nature Of Sin:

1 John 3:4

1 John 2:29

who practices righteousness; not professes, but practices.

1 John 3:2-3

sin – "failure, missing the mark"; The emphasis here is not on sins (plural), but on sin (singular): "Everyone who practices sin." "Sins are the fruit, but sin is the root."

Practices – is in the present tense; "this is not incidental but ongoing it is habitual."

lawlessness – "a defiant attitude, spirit, that prompts an act or violation of law or wickedness, to transgress the law, unrighteousness."

Rom 14:23 "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin"

Prov 24:9 The devising of folly is sin,

James 4:17

1 John 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin,

Isa 53:6

Romans 6:1-2

2. Verses 5-7 – Jesus Came To Destroy Sin:

1 John 3:5

These 5 facts make sin incompatible with the Christian:

1. You Know, Jesus Came To Take Away Sins: that He appeared in order to take away sins;

take away – “to lift, to carry away”

Take Away Past Sins: John 1:29

To Keep Us from Present Sinning: Gal 2:20

2. You Know, Jesus Is Sinless: and in Him there is no sin. The Doctrine of - The Sinless Perfection of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:19

1 John 3:6

3. You Know, A Child In Fellowship With God Does Not Sin: No one who abides in Him sins; To abide - in Him means “to be in fellowship with Him, in union and communion with Jesus Christ”

in Him sins; “habitually sins, lifestyle of sin”

4. You Know, A Person That Habitually Sins Does Not Know God: no one who sins has seen Him

has seen Him we say, “I met the Lord!” or “I had an encounter with the Lord!”

or knows Him. (Personal Experience)

1 John 3:7

5. You Know, One Cannot Be Righteous Apart From Practicing Righteousness: the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

Eph 5:1-2

3. Verse 8 – The Devil’s Family Trait Is Sin:

1 John 3:8

Practice Of Sin Reveals One Is Of The Devil: the one who practices sin is of the devil;

practices sin – literally “a person who makes a business of sin”

Any person that is not born again belongs to Satan: John 8:44

Devil – Greek word "Diablo" means “Slanderer”

- Satan – 1 Ch 21:1 “Adversary”
- Tempter – 1 Thess 3:5
- Murderer and liar – John 8:44
- Lion – 1 Pet 5:8
- Serpent – Gen 3:1; 2 Cor 11:3
- Angel of light – 2 Cor 11:14
- God of this world – 2 Cor 4:4
- Abaddon or Apollyon – Rev 9:11 Destroyer
- The prince of the power of the air – Eph 2:2
- The dragon – Rev 12:4

Eph. 2:2

Satan’s Beginning - (Isa. 14:9-17; Ezek. 28:12-14)

Satan is Not Eternal - as is God, for he is a created being.

Satan is Not A Super Power: (Attributes of God)

Satan is Organized: (Eph. 6:10-12).

Phil. 2:8

Destroy - means “to render inoperative, to rob of power.”

Romans 13:12

Eph 5:11

4. Verses 9-10 – God’s Children Cannot Sin:

1 John 3:9

“regeneration” Re- means “again,” and generation means “birth.” A new nature.

1 John 5:1

John 3:6

Regeneration - means a new nature—God’s nature

Justification - means a new standing before God

Sanctification - means being set apart to God

1 Peter 1:23

Col 3:5-10

1 John 3:10

How can one overcome the desires of the old nature?

1. We need to dedicate and yield to God:
2. We must spend time reading and studying the Word of God:
Psalm 119:11
3. We must take time to pray:

Application:

1. Do I have the nature of Jesus in me or am I merely pretending to be a Christian?
2. Am I feeding the nature of Jesus through daily Bible reading and prayer?
3. Do I need to confess sin that has defiled my inner man? Am I willing to confess and forsake it?
4. Who rules in me, the flesh or the spirit? Am I increasing in my obedience to Jesus?
5. When temptation comes, do I “play with it” or do I flee from it? Do I immediately yield to the divine nature within me?