

1 JOHN

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What Are You Practicing?

1 John 3:4-10

NOTES:

REVIEW: 1 John 2:28-3:3

FOCUS PASSAGE: 1 John 3:4-10

1 John 3:4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. **8** Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. **9** No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. **10** By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

1. WHAT IS WRONG WITH PRACTICING SIN?

1 John 3:4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

The Nature of Sin is _____

Practice of Sinning: Not occasional sins, but an unrepentant lifestyle of sin.
Lawlessness: Rebellion against God's Laws, which were given for our benefit
See Also: Matt. 22:37-40; Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18

1 John 3:8a Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

Sin Comes from the _____.

When you are tempted to sin, consider who is tempting you!

See Also: 1 Pet. 5:8

2. WHO CAN SAVE US FROM SIN?

1 John 3:5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

Only _____ can take away our sins.

Past (Justification): Jesus took away the **Penalty** of Sin.
Present (Sanctification): Jesus is taking away the **Power** of Sin.
Future (Glorification): Jesus will take away the **Presence** of Sin.
Jesus was qualified to take away sin because He has no Sin!

1 John 3:8b *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.*

On the Cross, Jesus _____ Satan.

3. WHAT DOES YOUR PRACTICE REVEAL ABOUT YOU?

1 John 3:6 *No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.*

Abiding in Christ will _____ your life.

*"keeps on sinning" vs. "practices righteousness" - continuous action - lifestyle
"has seen" & "has known" Christ - Ongoing Result: A life transformed by Christ*

1 John 3:9 *No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.*

A New Birth Results in a New _____.

See Also: John 1:12-13; 1 John 3:1-2)

1 John 1:8 *"If we say 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."*

It's About _____, Not Perfection!

Don't Expect Sinless Perfection in this Life (1 John 1:8)
Confess Your Sins and Receive Forgiveness (1 John 1:9)

Big Idea: YOUR DIRECTION REVEALS YOUR DESTINY.

Application & Reflection Questions

1. What do you think about sin? Do you struggle with sin? Does your sin feel out of control or something God can help you with? Remember sin comes from Satan, your enemy.
2. What do you think about Jesus? If you asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior, did Jesus only take away the penalty of sin or is He also taking away the power of sin in your life?
3. How does your faith in Christ affect your patterns of behavior? Has abiding in Christ made you less comfortable with sinful habits? Have you seen the Holy Spirit replace some of your old sinful habits with more righteous ones?
4. If you struggle with sinful habits, are you willing to take a step in the right direction? Confess your sins to God and pray for His power to overcome them. Ask someone you trust to pray for you. Your Direction Reveals Your Destiny.

SONGS

*NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD
THIS IS AMAZING GRACE
YOUR GLORY
REIGN ABOVE IT ALL*

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2025 Giving vs Need: \$249,836.43 Below Need
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