

1 John 3:1-10

One Point: Live Righteously

1. If you were a breakfast cereal, which would you be and why?
2. What have you read in 1 John that helps you identify true believers?

Read v. 1-3

1. How does God lavishing his love on you and bringing you into His family make you feel? What are some other parts of scripture that talk about God's love for us? (John 3:16, 1 John 4:10, etc.)?
2. Scripture says, "The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him." that means there is a natural "friction" and division between believers and unbelievers. How do you see this play out in your life?

Read v. 4-10

3. What's the difference between someone who sinned and someone who "makes a practice of sinning?"
4. Scripture says, "No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him." How does this verse shed light on friends who claim a relationship with God but don't show fruit?
5. 1 John says, "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning." Now read John 8:39-47. Does this change your perspective on unbelievers?
6. Jesus died, not only for our salvation (v. 5) but also for our sanctification (becoming more like Christ) (v. 8) and glorification (v. 2). What does this truth do to your view of the cross? Does it expand it?

What I will be talking about

Knowing Christ means that now you're on the side of God and you are in an all-out war against the practice of sinning. Your focus now is to live righteously. What are things you can do to help you to live righteously?

Read Psalm 119:9-16 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17. From the texts, how does the word of God help you in your walk with God? How can you apply these truths?

Helping identify true believers:

Practice truth/righteousness (1:6; 2:29; 3:7, 10)

Confess sins and have forgiveness (1:9; 2:12)

Love one another/the brothers (2:10; 3:10)

Do the will of God/cannot keep on sinning (2:17; 3:9)

Walk in the light/as he walked (1:7; 2:6)

Keep/obey his commandments/Word (2:3, 5)

Overcome the evil one/them/the world (2:13, 14)

Confess the Son/believe in Jesus (2:23)