



Going Deeper into "Obvious Children" – 1 John 3:4-10

1 John 3:4-10 shows that Jesus and sin are so incompatible that we cannot be Jesus' disciples and live sinful lives. One of the main terms in this passage is "practices." Define what it means to "practice sin" in your own words. What does it mean to "practice righteousness"?

John's statement that "no one who abides in Him sins" seems to contradict earlier passages (1 John 1:8-9, 2:1-2). How can we reconcile 1 John 3:4-10 with these passages?

If you are born of God, how have you experienced Jesus' nature in you moving you from a life of sin?

John did not make up the conflict between Jesus and the devil, nor our identification with one or the other. Read John 8:34-38, 44-47.

What themes from 1 John 3:4-10 are introduced in this passage from the Gospel of John?

Jesus was speaking to the most righteous people of His time, yet said their behavior was from the devil. What present-day behavior from "righteous" people is from the devil?

What are the marks of a true child of God, how can you tell their behavior is in line with Jesus and not the devil?

Please pray: Heavenly Father, help me to live a life that is marked by righteousness and not sin. Help me to grow in righteousness, in love for my brethren, and in the attitude and nature of Jesus Christ. Amen.