

IN OUR LAST STUDY WE ENDED WITH 1JOHN 2:29 IF YOU KNOW THAT HE OR CHRIST IS RIGHTEOUS YOU KNOW THAT EVERYONE ALSO WHO PRACTICES RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BORN OF HIM OR A CHILD OF GOD

JOHN HAS BEEN MAKING IT CLEAR THAT THERE ARE PRETENDERS TRUE CHILDREN OF GOD ARE MORE THAN PROFESSORS OF FAITH OR PRETENDERS THEY ARE POSSESSORS OF FAITH THAT RESULTS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

CHILDREN OF GOD BEAR THE MARKS OF THEIR FATHER LIVING LIVES OF OBEDIENCE LOVE AND TRUTH GROWING IN HIS IMAGE REFLECTING HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

V1 THE LOVE OF OUR FATHER SENDING HIS SON TO DIE FOR OUR SIN JOHN 3:16 THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE THE LIFE OF OUR FATHER IN US THE WORLD DOES NOT KNOW US BECAUSE THEY DID NOT KNOW HIM IF YOU DON'T KNOW JESUS YOU DON'T KNOW GOD

VERSE ONE TELLS US WHAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD VERSE 2 TELLS US WHAT WE SHALL BE WHEN CHRIST RETURNS WE WILL RECEIVE GLORIFIED BODIES PHILIP 3:20-21

IN VERSE 3 HE TELLS US WHAT WE SHOULD BE IN VIEW OF CHRIST RETURN LIVING PURE LIVES TITUS 2:11-15

AN UNBELIEVER WHO SINS IS A CREATURE SINNING AGAINST HIS CREATOR A CHRISTIAN WHO SINS IS A CHILD SINNING AGAINST HIS FATHER THE UNBELIEVER SINS AGAINST THE LAW THE BELIEVER SINS AGAINST LOVE

THOSE WHO TRULY KNOW THE LOVE OF THE FATHER HAVE NO DESIRE TO SIN AGAINST HIS LOVE FOR THEM AS CHILDREN OF GOD WE ARE NOT WITHOUT LAW TO GOD BUT UNDER THE LAW OF CHRIST WHICH IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW WHICH IS LOVE

V4 EVERYONE WHO AS THEIR LIFESTYLE LIVES IN SIN DEFYING GOD'S LAW SIN IS THE ROOT SINS ARE THE FRUIT OF THEIR LIVES THEY LIVE IN REBELLION TO GOD GAL 5:19-24

V5 JESUS CAME TO TAKE AWAY SINS AND IN HIM THERE IS NO SIN JESUS IS A SON SATAN IS A REBEL HE IS NOT A SON JESUS WAS GOD WILLING TO BECOME A SERVANT SATAN WAS A SERVANT WHO WANTED TO BECOME GOD

V6 NO ONE WHO ABIDES IN CHRIST OR REMAINS IN FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM CONTINUES IN SIN WANTING NOTHING TO COME BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR COMMUNION WITH THE ONE WHO LOVES THEM TO CONTINUE IN DELIBERATE SIN IS NOT TO HAVE SEEN HIM OR KNOWN HIM

V7 CHILDREN LET NO ONE DECEIVE YOU THOSE WHO PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS NOT CONTINUING IN SIN ARE RIGHTEOUS IDENTIFYING WITH CHRIST RIGHTEOUSNESS HIS WORK IN THEM ABIDING IN HIS LOVE FOR THEM

V8 THE SON OF GOD APPEARED FOR THIS PURPOSE TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL THE CONTRAST IN THESE VERSES IS CHRIST WHO KNEW NO SIN AND HIS CHILDREN AND THE DEVIL WHO CAN DO NOTHING BUT SIN AND HIS CHILDREN

LUKE 11:14-23 SATAN IS THE STRONG MAN AND HIS GOODS ARE LOST MEN AND WOMEN THE ONLY WAY TO RELEASE THE GOODS IS TO BIND THE STRONG MAN JESUS HAS BOUND THE STRONG MAN HE HAS BROKEN THE POWER OF SIN

JOHN IS NOT DENYING THAT GOD'S CHILDREN SIN WHAT HE IS SAYING IS THAT THEY DO NOT LIVE IN SIN OR CONTINUE IN SIN

V9-10 THE REASON IS HIS SEED ABIDES IN HIS CHILDREN THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED A SPIRITUAL BIRTH OUR NATURE HAS CHANGED WE HAVE A NEW NATURE THE OLD NATURE PRODUCES SIN THE NEW NATURE PRODUCES A HOLY LIFE

THE OUTER MAN POSSESSES THE OLD NATURE THE INNER MAN POSSESSES THE NEW NATURE 2COR 4:16-17

ROM 6:12-13 THE BODY ITSELF IS NEUTRAL GOD'S CHILDREN YIELD TO THE SPIRIT AND THE DEVILS CHILDREN YIELD TO THE FLESH THEY HAVE NO POWER TO OVERCOME SIN IN THEIR LIVES CHILDREN MAKE CHOICES

OUR CHOICES REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT WHOSE CHILDREN WE ARE