

a Study of

1st John

1 John 3

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Review

1 John 1:1-4 NASB What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life-- (2) and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and **was manifested to us--** (3) what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, **so that you too may have fellowship with us;** and indeed our fellowship is **with the Father,** and **with His Son Jesus Christ.** (4) These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

1 John 1:6 NASB If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

1 John 2:3 NASB By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

1 John 2:15-16 NASB Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

1 John 2:22 NASB Who is the liar but the one who denies that

Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

CHAPTER 3

1 John 3:1 NASB See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1 John 3:1 MSG What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it--we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to.

1 John 3:2-3 NASB Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. (3) And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

1 John 3:2-3 MSG But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him--and in seeing him, become like him. (3) All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

1 John 3:4 NASB Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

1 John 3:4 NLT Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God.

1 John 3:4 MSG All who indulge in a sinful life are dangerously lawless, for sin is a major disruption of God's order.

1 John 3:5-8 NASB (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 sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.

1 John 3:6 NLT Anyone who continues to live in Him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know Him or understand who He is.

1 John 3:6 MSG No one who lives deeply in Christ makes a practice of sin. None of those who do practice sin have taken a good look at Christ. They've got him all backwards.

1 John 3:7-8 NASB (7) Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

(8) the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy [*dissolve, abolish, loose- bryan: obliterate*] the works of the devil.

1 John 3:9 NASB No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 John 3:9 NLT Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God.

1 John 3:9 MSG People conceived and brought into life by God don't make a practice of sin. How could they? God's seed is deep within them, making them who they are. It's not in the nature of the God-begotten to practice and parade sin.

1 John 3:10-15 NASB (10) By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

(11) For this is the message which you have heard from the

beginning, that we should love one another;

(12) not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one and slew his brother.

And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

(13) Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you.

(14) We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

(15) Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

1 John 3:14-15 NLT (14) If we love our Christian brothers and sisters, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead.

(15) Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.

1 John 3:16 NASB We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16 NLT We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16 MSG This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves.

1 John 3:17 NASB But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and **closes his heart** against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

1 John 3:18-19 NASB (18) Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

(19) We will know by this that we are of the truth...

1 John 3:18 AMP Little children, let us not love [*merely*] in theory or in speech but in deed and in truth (in practice and in sincerity).

1 John 3:19-22 NASB (19) We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure [*persuade, convince*] our heart before Him

(20) in whatever our heart condemns [*finds fault with*] us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

(21) Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;

(22) and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 John 3:19-22 NLT (19) Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God.

(20) Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and He knows everything.

(21) Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence.

(22) And we will receive from Him whatever we ask because we obey Him and do the things that please Him.

If we are operating in deeds & truth or in DEEDS & ACTIONS for the purpose of our loving God out of our love for God, it will convince our heart even when we miss it & sin, that we are God's & will receive whatever we ask of Him.

If we:

1. Serve in DEEDS & ACTIONS, not just lipservice
2. Serve to advance God's purposes, not our kingdom or our church
3. Serve because we love God, not for personal gain alone

We will have:

1. Confidence & Boldness in our heart before God & men AND
2. Prayers answered

1 John 3:23-24 NASB (23) This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one

another, just as He commanded us.

(24) The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John is a VERY '*lets get real*' kind of book!