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Fellowship with the Father

1 John 3:1-10

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we start chapter 3 of 1 John. Chapter 3 marks the start of a second very challenging section in 1 John. In chapter 1 verses 8 and 10 John makes it very clear that everyone sins including those that are believers. Now in chapter 3 we see John tell us that “No one who abides in Him sins”. This becomes a difficult passage to understand for many people even those that are doing good Bible study. This week we will look at what John means in this passage and develop a deeper understanding of what he wants his readers to understand. In Chapter 1 we discussed the difference between relationship and fellowship. This week we will talk about the evidence we have in chapter 3 that leads us to understanding whether this passage is talking about relationship or fellowship and what is the difference. Join us as we seek to understand the passage and the major impact it can have on our lives.

¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Even so consider your selves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:10-11

1 John 3:1-10 (NASB)

Children of God Love One Another

3 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

⁴Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that He appeared

in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. ⁷Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; ⁸the 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 the works of the devil. ⁹No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰By 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.

① EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. How does God show His love for us?

9. Why does the world not know us?

10. Looking at verses 5 and 8 why did Jesus appear here on earth?

11. Do Christian believers sin? How do we reconcile your answer with these verses 6 and 9?

12. Who is John talking about in verse 10 when he says to love your brother?

13. What does "sin is lawlessness" mean in verse 4?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

14. According to this passage how can we have a stronger fellowship with Jesus?

15. How should we define a relationship with Jesus versus fellowship with Jesus?

16. What makes it worth it to pursue a deeper fellowship with Jesus?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes