

THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 3:9-15

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Proof of a Divine Birth” - Part 1

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

The Family of God, A Real Christian

I John 3:9-15

“Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. ¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”

The Summation Sentence of the Text

In The Previous Verses, (3-8) John is Setting a clear line, a demarcation, between the Child of God and the child of Satan.

The Simply, Yet powerful truths of 1 John are to Educate the Christian to the Fact that there are those among the professing church who in fact are not Christians at all.

John warned first about their doctrine. Secondly he warned about their conduct, and as we shall see, he warns us about their parentage.

This apostle of Love is both careful and prayerful to Expose to us the TellTale signs of weather someone is really a Christian or not and that is – there love for God & One Another.

John Argues Passionately

That There are Those Who seek to Follow after Christ
vs.

Those who are still bound by Luciferic rule and self-grandizment

Last Time We Studied a Key Attribute of the Christian's Life – *the believer's Hope!*

1.) The Believer's Hope **Prepares** Us v. 3

1a.) By giving us a **real** expectation

And everyone who has this **hope**

1b.) By giving us an **active** expectation

purifies himself, just as He is pure.

2.) The Believer's Hope **Maintains** Us v. 4-6

2a.) The believer cannot **abide** in sin

Whoever **commits** sin also commits lawlessness,
and sin is lawlessness

2b.) The believer **understands** sins expense

And you know that He was **manifested to take away our sins**,

and in Him there is no sin

2c.) The believer **lives** with a new identity

Whoever **abides in Him** does not sin.
Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

3.) The Believer's Hope **Secures Us**

vv. 7-8

3a.) Because **We seek** to follow Him

Little children, let no one deceive you.
He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

3b.) Because **We desire** to forsake our past

He who sins is of the devil,
for the devil has sinned from the beginning.

3c.) Because **We rejoice** in Christ's victory

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested,
that He might destroy the works of the devil.

The Christian's Hope is Radical

Philippians 1:21

“**to die is gain**”... (then we’re going to let you live)
“**to live is Christ**”... (then we’re going to make you suffer)

Romans 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed...

If The World Wants to Kill Us - We Go to Heaven!

If The World Wants to Let Us Live – We Walk with Jesus!

If The World Wants to Persecute Us - We Become More Like Christ

Christian, *Read the Back of the Book – We Win!*

“Proof of a Divine Birth”

1.) We Have Been **Born of God**

vv. 9-10

“Whoever **has been born of God** does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he **has been born of God**. ¹⁰ In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

1a.) Of God Being **Recreated**

Verse 9

“Whoever **has been born of God** does not sin, for **His seed remains** in him; and he cannot sin, because he **has been born of God**.

“Whoever has been born of God”

This is not a quiz or a questionnaire that John is putting forth here. He is declaring that the Christian is one who has been born of God, THEREFORE...

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

“does not sin”

Does not live on in a condition of sinfulness
Perpetual, habitual, continuous sinning

“for **His seed remains** in him”

 Seed

GRK 4690 *sperma* (sper'-mah);
the offspring, a remnant, the issuance, that which comes forth

This “Seed”

Is The New (Love) Nature which is the Proof of God’s Presence in Our Lives

This New Nature

is Rooted in God’s Justification of the Sinner
It Cannot be Undone Nor is it Ever Taken Away

Understand,

It's on This Bases That Jesus Said;

John 6:44

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;
and I will raise him up at the last day.

Rooted in God's *Justification*

Romans 8:29-30

For whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.³⁰ Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called**; whom He **called**, these He also **justified**; and whom He **justified**, these He also **glorified**.

Titus 3:5-7a

...He **saved** us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,⁶ whom He **poured** out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ that **having been justified** by His grace...

Romans 5:8-9

But God **demonstrates** His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ **died** for us.⁹ Much more then, **having now been justified** by His blood, we shall be (**we get to, it's a sure thing**) saved from wrath through Him.

This Justification

results in **Sanctification**, the Being set Apart for God's Purposes.

Justification & Sanctification Enables Regeneration (*Re* – Again and *Generation* – Birth) Which is a New Nature

2 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

2 Peter 1:4

by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

The Christian can't stay in sin.

He cannot practice sin because His Seed Remains in the Christian!!!

1 Peter 1:23

having been born again, not of corruptible **seed** but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

1b.) Of God Being Reintroduced

Verse 10

In this the **children of God** and the **children of the devil** are manifest: Whoever does not **practice** righteousness is not of God,

the children of God and the children of the devil...

“...are manifest”

**Meaning, You Can Tell Difference!
Why Would John Make This Statement?**

Spiros Bodhisats Has Entitled this Verse

“Clear External Signs of Who is and Who Isn’t a Child of God”

#1

They Do Not Practice Righteousness

#2

They do not have Love for the Brethren

“They Are Selective with Their Company to the point of Being Exclusive, They are Preaching one thing Publicly but living a life that is something altogether different Privately”

- *Spiros Zodhiates*

The New Nature
“The New Man”
“The Spirit”
“God’s seed”

The Old Nature
“Our Old Man”
“the Flesh”
“Corruptible seed”

Practice

Matthew 11:19

“The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' **But wisdom is justified by her children.**”

1c.) Of God Being **Reunited**

Verse 10

nor is he who does not love his brother.

Galatians 5:14-16

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! ¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

The Christian Will Be Loving