

Questions for Discussion and Application

1. Read the passage, 1 John 3:4-10, and review the main points of the sermon outline.
2. What does it mean that sin is “lawlessness” (v.4)?
3. At the root of Satan’s sin was pride (Isaiah 14:12-14). What is pride? To what extent is pride at the root of our sin?
4. What does it mean that “sin is incompatible with being a child of God?” Does this mean that true Christians never sin? How do you understand verses 6 and 9?
5. What does it mean for you to take sin seriously and to relentlessly pursue holiness?

Drawing Closer: Fostering Fellowship with the Father (A Study of 1 John)

“Become What You Are”

1 John 3:4-10

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Verses 4-7	Verses 8-10
Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness and sin is lawlessness (4)	The one who practices sin is of the devil for the devil has sinned from the beginning (8a)
You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin (5)	The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil (8b)
No one who abides in Him sins ; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him (6)	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 (9)
Little children , make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous (7)	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 (10)

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Next sermon: 1 John 3:11-24

2. THE PURPOSE OF JESUS' FIRST APPEARANCE WAS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF SIN

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3. SIN IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH BEING A CHILD OF GOD

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