

Flag Branch Missionary Baptist Church  
Baptist Training Union

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John**  
How Should A Christian Live

**Study 6 – Living Righteously: – 1 John 2:28 - 3:10**

28. And now, little children, abide in Him, that [h]when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

29. If (Since) you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

1. Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of [a]God! Therefore, the world does not know [b]us, because it did not know Him.

2. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

3. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

4. Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

5. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

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

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

8. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

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.

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.

(h) 1 John 2:28 NU if

(a) 1 John 3:1 NU adds And we are.

(b) 1 John 3:1 M you

## Discussion

- A. Why does John use the words “little children”? Describe what you think John is telling them to do by “abiding in Him”? What is the result or outcome of those who “abide in Him”? Discuss how John uses the words “confidence” and “ashamed”. v. 28
- B. Explain what “He is righteous” means? What does it mean “to do” or “to practice” anything? How can or does a person “do” or “practice” righteousness? Why does John use the expression “born of God”? v. 29
- C. What is so special about “the Father’s love” and becoming or being called a “child of God” John wants his readers to behold or see? What can it be compared to or what may it be like? What didn’t and doesn’t the world know about God and His children? v. 1.
- D. In what manner is John saying we are not like Christ that we shall be like Him which will enable us to see Him “as He is” at the time of His manifestation or appearance? v. 2.
- E. In what way is Christ “pure”? In what way can we “purify” ourselves? v. 3.
- F. What is law? What is the purpose and effect of law? What then is “lawlessness”? What does John say “sin” is? What is “the law” John is referring to? v. 4
- G. What does it mean to “have one’s sins taken away”? Give an example of what this means. Are the “little children” John refers to “in Him” where there is no sin? Explain. v. 5, v. 1.
- H. John says the cessation of sin is contingent on and a result of abiding in Him. How is John’s statement here reconciled with the notion of “sinning saints, Christians or believers”? Revisit John’s definition of sin. v. 6, 4.
- I. What is the “right or righteousness” John is referring to in “Him” and “the righteous”? v. 7
- J. When or why is a person “of the devil”? How does the appearance of Jesus destroy or break up the devil’s work? v. 8
- K. Revisit “born of God”. John says those “born of God” cannot continue to sin. Why? v. 9
- L. How are the “children of God” and “the devil” known? How is God’s law fulfilled? v. 10.