

# TRUE

## the letter of 1st John



### #5 True Children [1 John 3:1-10]

Identity [ī-'den-tə-tē] noun

1: the distinguishing character or personality of an individual

2: the sameness in all that constitutes the objective reality of a thing

In Jesus We Know Our IDENTITY- Children of God.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. 1 John 3:1 (ESV)

"Our Imperfect Earthly Experience Of Our Fathers Love Will Affects Our Experience Of Our Heavenly Father's Love."

to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, John 1:12 (ESV)

In Jesus We Know Our DESTINY- Like Jesus/With Jesus

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

"In Order To See God We Need A Purity Of Heart That Only He Can Give."

And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 1 John 3:3-4

"Sin is cosmic treason. Sin is treason against a perfectly pure Sovereign. It is an act of supreme ingratitude toward the One to whom we owe everything, to the One who has given us life itself." ~R.C. Sproul~

Christians Are Not Sinless But Christian Ought To Sin LESS

### Two Primary Reason Jesus Came:

#### #1 To Take Away SIN

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

1 John 3:5

- The Penalty of Sin
- The Power of Sin
- The Presence of Sin

#### #2 To DESTROY The Works of The Devil

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

The thief (the devil) comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10

- Satan Seeks To Kill - Jesus Brings Life
- Satan Seeks To Steal - Jesus Restores
- Satan Seeks To Destroy – Jesus Creates

<sup>9</sup> No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's<sup>[b]</sup> seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. 1 John 3:9-10

### Application – Three Reasons Christians Can Sin Less:

#1 God The Father LOVES You. [1 John 3:1-3]

#2 God The Son DIED For You. [1 John 3:4-8]

#3 God The Spirit LIVES Inside of You. [1 John 3:9-10]

"When An Unbelieving Person Sins The Sin Against The Moral Law Of God But When A Christian Sin They Sin Against The Love Of God" ~Warren Wiersbe~

## Life Group Discussion Questions

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Read 1 John 3:1-10

- Discuss your understanding of "God The Father"
- How has your relationship with your earthly father impacted the way you view your heavenly Father?
- Why is understanding your identity as a child of God important?
- What does John mean when he says; "*what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him*"(vs2)?
- Discuss the statement; "*Christians are not sinless, but as Christians we ought to sin less.*"
- What does John mean when he says; "*No one born of God makes a practice of sinning'* (vs9)?
- Of the three reason that keep us as Christians from sinning:
  1. God The Father Loves You.
  2. God The Son Died For You.
  3. God The Holy Spirit Lives In You.Which resonates most with you? Why are all three important?
- One of John's favorite words is "abide". How does the practice of abiding keep us from sinning?
- Pray with and for each other

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