

Studies in the Book of 1 John
“What Christ Came to Do”

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Lesson 8

TEXT: I John 3:4-10 Christ came to destroy the Devil’s works.

I. From Lawlessness to Righteousness 3:4-7

- A. Sin is Lawlessness 3:4
The Definition of Sin: “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”
- B. Christ took away sin 3:5,6
 - 1. His Purpose “ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins;”
 - 2. His Person “and in him is no sin.”
 - 3. The Result of Abiding “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not:”
To abide speaks of the believer walking in obedience to God’s Word
Remember; perfectly abiding brings perfect obedience, but due to our old nature, **perfect abiding & obedience is impossible.**
Sin is the Christian’s life is the result of not Abiding in Christ.

“whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.” is a reference to the Old Man (child of the Devil). These scriptures are more easily understood if they are perceived as a comparison to the Old Man (from saved man or lost man) and the New Man (Christian only).

- C. Christ Produces Righteousness 3:7
“Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.”

II. From Sin to Love 3:8-10

- A. Sin is from the Devil 3:8a “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning”
- B. Christ Destroyed the Works of the Devil 3:8b-9
“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God (**New Birth**) doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”
- C. Christ Produces Righteousness and Love 3:10 “In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”

Therefore, if a child of God abides in the Lord, he too will produce acts of righteousness and love.

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