**Day 18 - Real Love/Real Living**

3:10-12

The person who practices righteousness is born of God and the one who makes a practice of sinning is practicing lawlessness… and is a child of the devil. When we are born again, we receive a new nature, and we cannot keep on sinning.

Now, in verse 10 we have the central verse for this chapter.

1. In verse 10, John contrasts whom?

2. Also, in verse 10, we learn 2 essentials for a child of God. What are they?

3. According to John 8:41-45, who else called people “children of the devil”?

4. In verse 42, how do we know that God is our Father?

5. In verse 43 & 45, we learn why these children of the devil do not understand what Jesus said. What do we learn?

6. According to Jesus in verse 44, children of the devil want to do what?

7. In verse 44, list everything you learn about the devil.

8. So, in 1 John 3:10, John gives a simple, though not easy way to identify who the children of God and the children of the devil are. Can a child of God love without righteousness or be righteous with love? Explain your answer. Use verse to back up your answer.

Note: We have the life of Jesus in us. Love and righteousness are each most perfectly displayed in the nature of Jesus. He was both righteous, and completely loving.

John has talked about righteousness in the verses 4-9, but now in verses 11-12 he moves on to write of the need to love one another.

9. According to verse 11, what is the message that we have heard from the beginning?

10. Write out the following verses:

1 John 2:7

John 13:34-35

11. The basic Christian message has not changed. It is important to God how we treat others, especially whom?

12. In verse 12, John gives us a negative example of love. Who is the negative example? According to Hebrews 11:4, Cain’s disobedience came from what?

13. In Gen. 4:5-9 we see the progression of sin if not dealt with immediately. What is the progression?

**Application**: Cain is an example of walking in unrighteousness and not loving his brother. What is your life an example of? Explain. How would you explain to another person that you know you are a child of God?