**Day 16 - Practicing Right Living**

1 John 3:4-9

1. Read 3:4-24. What verse divides the chapter into two important themes?

2. If you answered, verse 10, you are correct. According to this verse, the child of God does what 2 things?

3. These two subjects are not new, are they? In chapters 1 & 2, obedience and love were tests of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , because the emphasis of those chapters were on what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Now, the emphasis is on what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Note: As we have transitioned from fellowship to sonship (2:28-3:3), we saw the Father’s love for His children, continues throughout our lives until His return. When we have experienced the Father’s love and we look with expectancy to His soon return, we should have no desire to sin… this expectancy has a purifying affect on us.

4. In verse 4, the word “commits” is in the present tense in the Greek, so it means continually or habitually commits what? And this habitual sin is what?

5. What do these verses tell us about sin?

James 4:17

1 John 5:17

6. In verse 4, we have rebellion and defiance in mind, asserting our will against whose?

Remember, in verses 1:9-2:2, sin is viewed as a defilement. When we realize we have sinned, what do we do?

How do we see sin?

But now in verse 4, we have a Christian who commits habitual sin and knows they are going against God’s will.

7. In verse 5, why was Jesus mainifested to us?

So, we see a reason He came. What do we learn about Him in this verse?

8. In verse 6, whoever abides in Him does not what?

Note: Both “abides” and “sin” is present tense in the Greek. Means “continually abides” and “habitually sins”.

9. “Whoever abides in Him does not sin”. To abide (continually remain in) Him means I have fellowship with Him (a sharing of eternal life… His sinless life), so my hearts desire is to not what?

10. According to verse 6, if I do sin habitually, I can know what?

11. In verse 7, John exhorts them not to be deceived. What should they know?

12. In verse 8, we have another reason Jesus came. What is it?

Note: Destroy means to render inoperative; to rob of power.

13. What was John refuting here? Counterfeit Christians were trying to deceive by saying what?

14. In verse 9, what do we learn about the person who is born of God?

Note: Again, this is “habitual or continual sin”. Why does he not sin continually, as a lifestyle?

We have a new nature because of the life of Christ in us, in the person of the Holy Spirit!

Application:

First, consider again, according to the verses for today, Jesus came to do what two things?

Do you practice righteousness? If you do, what are you assured of? Go to God in prayer and praise Him and thank Him for your salvation… that you are a child of God and tell Him it is your hearts desire to practice righteousness!

If you don’t practice righteousness, what must you do? Are you born again? Is Jesus the Lord of your life? Do you have His seed in you? And it’s not about what you think, it’s about what God’s word says.