



## **A Study of 1 John**

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### **Lesson 12: "8th Test: A Decreasing Pattern of Sin" 1 John 3:4-10**

This test out of all of them is the most crucial to examine in your life. If you do not have a decreasing pattern of sin in your life, this one test alone is enough to disqualify your profession of faith. There is no room in the life of a Christian for habitual unrepentant sin. John tells us this over and over in this section.

*Read James 4:17*, examine yourself in light of that passage. Is there something in your life that you know is sin, yet you do it anyway? Why do you think that is? Are you warring against it or do you embrace it openly over and over?

*Read Romans 7:15 and Romans 7:24-25.* 1 John 3:6-8 is talking about habitual unrepentant sin, which is very different than the sin we see in the life of a believer. Compare this lesson about habitual unrepentant sin with what Paul tells us. What attitude should a believer have towards their sin?

*Read 2 Corinthians 7:10-11.* When we sin as believers, what should the Holy Spirit's conviction produce in us?

If someone looked at your life as a whole, would they say that you are characterized by habitual sin? Or that you are growing in holiness as your direction of sanctification?

Keep in mind, we are never going to be made perfect until we are with Christ. Don't get hung up on self condemnation and worrying if you are saved simply because you battle with a particular sin. The key is that you are battling it. That you are aware of it. That is very important!

False converts aren't even aware of the great sin that they are in. They have a conscience that tells them right from wrong, but they embrace their sin repeatedly. This is critical in understanding a true convert from a false one. False converts don't even wonder if they are in sin, it's common place to them to continue practicing it.