

ASSURANCE: How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

Lesson Nine • 1John 2:28 - 3:10

Who's Your Daddy?

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The "children of the Devil" are manifested by UNRIGHTEOUS living and the "children of God" are manifested by RIGHTEOUS living.

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifested: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God. 1John 3:10

If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. 1John 2:29

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 1John 3:7

Four Incentives for Righteous Living

Incentive #1 God the Father LOVES Us!

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 1John 3:1-3

Because of God's Great Love

- We are CALLED God's children now.
- We will BE LIKE Christ in the future.
- We should LIVE LIKE Christ today.

Incentive #2 God the Son DIED for Us!

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 1John 3:4-8

Two Reasons Why Jesus Came and Died

- To DELIVER us from our sins, so don't practice sinfulness.
- To DESTROY the works of the devil, so do practice righteousness.

Incentive #3 God the Spirit LIVES in Us!

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. 1John 3:9-10

Incentive #4 God the Son Is COMING Back for Us!

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. 1John 2:28-29

The Blessings of Abiding in Jesus

- You will be CONFIDENT at Jesus' coming.
- You will be CERTAIN you are God's child.

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If God is your Father, then REMAIN in Christ and RESEMBLE Christ.

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."
~Apostle Paul, Galatians 2:20*