

# Children of God or Children of the Devil – I John 3:4-10

Let **NO ONE** deceive you about what a Christian life looks like (3:7).

Jesus appeared to take away sins and destroy the works of the devil (3:5, 8).

Those born of God make a practice of obeying God and loving others (3:6, 9).

Those **NOT** born of God make a practice of sinning (3:8,10)

## Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was difficult, helpful, or challenging from this study of God's Word?
2. What is the central command of today's passage (see verse 7)? What is the deception that we need to be warned of?
3. Are there false understandings of Christianity today that actually encourage people to live sinful lives? What examples of this have you seen?
4. How can you guard your own heart against these false understandings of Christianity that actually encourage sin?
5. Our passage calls it "lawlessness" to make a practice of sinning. What do you think is meant by "lawlessness"?

6. The seriousness of sin can be minimized by giving it a label that is much softer than lawlessness. What are some examples of this?
7. What reasons are given in today's passage as to why a Christian will not make a practice of sinning?
8. John says that the Christian will not "keep on sinning" or "make a practice of sinning". Does John mean that a Christian will never sin at all ever again (see I John 1:8-10; 2:1)? If he doesn't mean this, then what does he mean?
9. As one who has been born again as a child of God, how do you hate and fight against sins that you once loved?
10. How might people be able to tell that you are a child of God as they observe your outward life?