

A CHILD OF GOD

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INTRO.:

A. Read Text: 1 John 2:29-3:10.

B. Regarding the text:

1. What does it mean to be a child of God?
 - 1) Is it important to recognize if we are?
 - 2) Child of God or child of the devil (**Vs. 10**).
2. To be **His child** is to be in **His family**. Not physical BUT spiritual (**John 3:4**).

DISCUSSION: THE CHILD OF GOD...

I. IS BORN OF GOD? (2:28-29).

A. FIRST: What is involved in doing righteousness?

1. Vine says righteousness is, "whatever conforms to the revealed will of God." (page, 970)
 - 1) **Ps. 119:172** His "commandments are righteousness."
 - 2) **Luke 1:6** Zacharias & Elizabeth were both righteous before God.
 - 3) **Rom.6:16-18** Made free = servant of righteousness.
2. Abel was righteous because he obeyed God (**3:12**; **Heb.11:4** Abel acted by faith!)

B. We cannot substitute our own self-righteousness for the righteousness of God (Rom.10:3**).**

C. For a person to be born of God he must obey the commandments of God (Gal. 3:25-26**).**

II. RECEIVE PROMISED BLESSINGS (3:1).

A. We are recipients of God's love (1 Jn. 3:1; John 3:16**).**

1. When man sinned (**Gen. 3**) God made a promise.
2. When Jesus died that promise was realized (**Gal. 4:4-7**).

B. We shall be like Him (3:1-2**).**

1. The world opposed Him and will oppose His followers (**John 15:18-19**).

C. We will be glorified with Him (Rom. 8:17**).**

D. We have hope (1 John 3:3**).**

E. Those who are not in God's family do not have hope (1 Thess. 4:13; Eph 2:12**).**

III. HIS CHILDREN PURIFY THEMSELVES (**1 JOHN 3:3**).

A. We desire to purify ourselves since He has made us His children (2 Cor. 6:17-7:1**).**

B. We should test ourselves regularly to see if maintain our purity (2 Cor. 13:5**).**

C. Continue to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus.

IV. OTHER DISTINCTIONS OF GOD'S CHILDREN.

A. God's children doeth no sin. (1 John 3:6, 9**) Note: IF we abide...**

1. John does NOT mean it is impossible for the Christian to sin (**1 John 1:8, 10; Rom. 3:23**).
2. What does **verse 6** and **9** mean?
 - 1) He does not keep on sinning (linear present active indicative).
 - 2) **Verse 3** tells us that we make sure we are justified (**1 John 1:9; Luke 13:3, 5**).

B. God's children have God's seed abiding in him. (3:9 Psalm 119:11**).**

V. CONCLUSION:

A. Are you a child of God?

B. Remember we must be born into His family (John 3:3-5**).**

C. We do that by obeying the gospel. H/B/R/C/B/Live Faithfully.