

1 John 3:4-10
“Whose Kid Are You?”

AS YOU SETTLE IN...

- Let's turn to the book of 1st John...
 - And follow along as I read (1 John 3:4-10).

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled today's message:
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NOW AS WE CLOSED OUR LAST MESSAGE...

- John revealed that every one...
 - Focusing on the return of Christ...
 - Will naturally live a life pleasing to Jesus!

JOHN DIDN'T CONTEND WITH THE PEOPLE...

- Over the issues of purity.
 - He merely stated the reality...
 - That a life in fellowship with Jesus...
 - Was going to be different!

OUR WALK IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE...

- As Christian's.

~STUDY~

SO... TODAY...

- John makes a contrast between...
 - The children of God & the children of Satan.
 - And he begins with the qualities that mark the difference.
 - THIS IS NOT... silly indiscretions.

IN (Rom. 7:15-16)...

- *The word appeals to the Spirit & deals with the flesh!*

(v.4)

- Sin = The person living contrary to God in thought & action
- Lawlessness = Is a term synonymous with anarchy.
 - A disregard FROM those not controlled or restrained by law.
 - And it covers three areas:

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- 1) Ignorance,
- 2) Willful-violation,
- 3) Contempt.

GANG...THIS IS WHAT WE'RE SEEING...

- Played out across our country right now!
 - It's tangibly displayed by riots in major cities – lawlessness.
 - Consider how this is becoming more visible in politics.

NOW CONSIDER HOW IT APPLIES...

- When you **refuse** to walk in fellowship with Jesus...
 - You're demonstrating the same thing – lawlessness!

(v.5)

JOHN GIVES THE HOPE OF A RESTORED ORDER...

- As he says Jesus was “*MANIFESTED to take away our sins*”
 - Jesus was exposed to:
 - View...
 - He was plainly recognized...
 - And thoroughly understood! (Luke 1:1-4).

I KNOW THE ARGUMENT...

- Critics like to propagate... that IF Jesus is real...
 - Then why did this happen to me?
 - If God is good, then how come this atrocity occurred!?!

TESTIMONY?

COME ON FOLKS...

- Riots are happening in different cities across our Country.
 - There's tons of innocent people suffering loss!
 - Business are destroyed because some raging fool...
 - Wants to express a disregard for established laws!
 - Because some coward wants to make innocent people pay!
 - Because EVIL human beings do bad things!

AND THE ENEMY OF YOUR SOUL...

- Wants to blind you... cripple you...

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- And trap you with overwhelming emotion!
 - So that you raise your fist to GOD...
 - And accuse Him of wrong doing!

SOME OF YOU HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS LOSS...

- The hurt in your lives has caused you to express contempt...
 - To the very one who has come to help you!

JOHN SAYS...

- Jesus stepped out of heaven on your behalf...
 - To remove the blinders...
 - And to help you steer away from the trap.

(v.6)

WHOEVER *“Abides in Him”*

- a) Obeys the word
- b) Follows the leading of the Holy Spirit
- c) And walks in love

Or more LITERALLY = Does NOT wander away from God!

HAVE YOU WANDERED FROM GOD?

- Have you disregarded Gods word?
- Have you suffered harm?
- Are you blaming God for your experiences?

JOHN SAYS IF YOU REMAIN IN HIM...

- You will not wander away & begin questioning OR blaming God!

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER...

- Turn to (1 John 5:19-21)
- *“lies under the sway of the wicked one.”*
 - The idea is the “rocking to sleep of an infant.”

HAVE YOU BEEN ROCKED TO SLEEP...

- In your relationship with Jesus?
 - Have you been dooped into thinking...
 - That God is the reason...

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- For your problems!?!

THEN PLEASE UNDERSTAND THE HOLY SPIRIT CRIES OUT...

- To you personally saying DON'T believe the lie!
 - Wake up... It's a trap!
 - Jesus is here to help you!

(STORY) = My hurts were killing me.

- You only have to forgive once...
 - But to be unforgiving you have to do it every day.
 - Exhausting!!!

(v.7)

“*deceive you*” = (Pla-NA-o')

- Lead you away from truth;
- Lead you into error;
- To deceive... so you fall away;
- Seduce & cause to wander from the right way.

I PRAY TONIGHT...

- That the work of Satan in your lives is stopped!
 - That the blinders are removed thru God's word...
 - And fresh faith returns to your lives!

(v.8)

LET ME REDUCE THIS TO THE SIMPLISTIC...

- John is describing that Jesus has saved you from...
 - The POWER & the PEANLTY of sin!

(v.9)

IT'S THE PREDETERMINED PURPOSES OF GOD...

- That you would accept the work Jesus has offered you.
 - Jesus has laid down His life for you!
 - He physically died on your behalf!
 - He personally suffered on your behalf!

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SO AS THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL GOES FORWARD...

- It's NOT the call of me as a man...
 - But it is the cry of Jesus Christ saying...
 - Come as you are & where you are...
 - And I will give rest to your soul!
 - (Matt. 11:28).

FINALLY... (v.10).

- John takes the blinders off & removes any doubt.
 - “*Manifest*”
 - This is a different word than in (v.5).

HE'S USING IT TO DESCRIBE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN...

- Gods kids & the devil's kids...
 - WHICH... shows up outwardly...
 - In how you live & the way you love!

Whoever does not practice righteousness...

- Lacks correct thinking, correct feelings, & correct actions.

BUT... WHEN WE'RE SUBMITTED TO GOD...

- He brings a changed heart;
 - Renewed feelings;
 - And a lifestyle with purpose...
 - For the furtherance of the Gospel!?!

~ AS WE CLOSE TODAY ~

Communion... (1 Cor. 11:29-30).