

Sunday, June 18, 2023

## Children of God

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[1 John 3:1-10, pg. 1022](#)

Ever hear Jeff Foxworthy's, You might be a redneck?

*"If you've ever made change in the offering plate, you might be a redneck."*

*"If you own a home with wheels on it and several cars without, you just might be a redneck."*

*"If you ever cut your grass and found a car, you might be a redneck."*

He's not saying if you do these things you'll become a redneck, but if you are a redneck, then you probably do these things...

1 John is similar. The difference is Jeff Foxworthy says, "you might". The likely author of 1 John, the Apostle John says "you are". My title this morning is **"You are Children of God"**.

Review

Vs. 1-3 Review Refer to vs. 29

Talk about the propensity to hear this through the lens of works but the command is "Behold the Love of God"

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything

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else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

Vs. 2 NOW

**"You are Children of God".**

If you know (perceive and are sure) that He [Christ] is [absolutely] righteous **[conforming to the Father's will in purpose, thought, and action]**, you may also know (be sure) that everyone who does righteously **[and is therefore in like manner conformed to the divine will]** is born (begotten) of Him [God]. 1 John 2:29

**Vs 3**, purity, same as righteousness!

Vs. 4-**Practice**

The word 'Practice' is not in the Greek. It's added to help define *makes; a marker of an agent relation with a numerable event—'to do, to perform, to practice, to make.'* Not only does the child of God live a life marked by righteousness (2:29) and purity (3:3), but he abstains from a life characterized by the practice of sin. *The word poiōn is used frequently in this section (vv. 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10) to imply a continual practice of sin as well as a realization of sin's completeness.<sup>361</sup> In other words, it is a willful, habitual action."*

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Vs. 5- John is aligning the purpose of the letter with Jesus' purpose.

**1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin (1 John 2:1)**

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I will sit on the mount of assembly

in the far reaches of the north;3

14 I will ascend above the

heights of the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most

High.'

15 hBut you are brought down to

Sheol,

to the far reaches of the pit.

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z"Son of man, araise a lamentation over bthe king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God:

"You were the signet of

perfection,1

cfull of wisdom and dperfect in

beauty.

13 You were in eEden, the garden

of God;

fevery precious stone was your

covering,

gsardius, topaz, and diamond,

beryl, onyx, and jasper,

sapphire,2 femerald, and

carbuncle;

and crafted in gold were your

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[11] For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. [12] We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. [13] Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. [14] We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. [15] Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. [16] By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. [17] But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? [18] Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. Romans 6:16-18

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. Romans 6:20-22

You were bought with a price, so glorify God! 1 Cor. 6:20

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Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains

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Verses 1-3 are review from last week but are here for helpful context. For more details on these verses, see last weeks

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Purpose statement about Christ. See vs. 8b

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Another purpose statement about Christ, see vs. 5

Study Notes

1 John 3:1-10

[7] [1] See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears<sup>2</sup> we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Main Point- Children of God live differently  
Key Words-Sin/Sinning 10x, Practice 6X  
Key Verse- Vs. 9

FCF-Sin & Lawlessness

General God Key Words Command Truth Sin

[4] Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. [5] You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. [6] No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. [7] Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. [8] Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. [9] The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. [9] No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's<sup>3</sup> seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. [10] By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Initial Thoughts

**Vs. 4-** This verse begs the necessity to define terms. Why does John say this? In other words, why make the distinction? I wonder if those who were trying to deceive (vs. 7), used terms to confuse the saints and John is setting the record straight. Greek study might be helpful too for better understanding.

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"Makes a practice". This ties to the direction of a persons life; continually towards sin vs. righteousness/purity

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13 You were in eEden, the garden of God;  
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## Father's Day

What does a baby computer call his father?

Data.

After an unsuccessful harvest, why did the farmer decide to try a career in music?

Because he had a ton of sick beets.

Have you heard about the restaurant on the moon?

Great food, no atmosphere.

Never date a tennis player.

Love means nothing to them.

What did Yoda say when he saw himself in 4K?

HDMI.

What do you call bears with no ears?

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The last scripture in the OT

[And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers Malachi 4:6](#)

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Quoted in Luke 1:17 when the angel spoke to Zechariah, John the Baptists dad. A Prophecy that he would *"make ready for the Lord a people prepared"*.

The covenant we are in redeems families! What hope this gives!!

- A couple who was barren has a child who does great things for the Lord!

- Redemption for all the brokenness as dads who do their best to raise kids.

- Restoration of broken relationships

- How God himself steps in as a father to the fatherless

- Not to mention the spiritual application, in that we have spiritual fathers and mothers, brother and sisters in the family of God!

If your a dad, stand.

If you want to be a dad, stand in faith!

If you are a father in the faith, stand.

Or, if your a dude and you want a cupcake, you can stand too!