

Scripture References

1 John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Phil 3:20-21 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

James 4:17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. NIV

Ps 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Romans 13:14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Authentic Jesus, A Study in 1 John

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Fred Hennes, Sermon #640, "Getting Closer" (1 John 2:28-3:10)

Contradiction?

1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

3:6a No one who lives in him keeps on sinning.

Context: In John's day false teachers from within the Church claimed to know God, but they were not _____ according to His ways.

Being a child of God ...

1. Is connected to the Father's lavish _____ for us. (1 John 3:1)
2. Means He sent His Son Jesus to take away our _____. (1 John 3:5-6)
3. Means the seed of God's _____ lives in us. (1 John 3:9)

As you get closer to meeting Jesus, _____ in Him by feeding your spirit, not your flesh.

Life Group Ice-Breaker Question

1. Share a time you have been given wrong directions and where you ended up going. Have you ever given anyone faulty directions to get somewhere?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
3. Explain the apparent contradiction of 1 John 1:8 and 1 John 3:6a. What is John trying to communicate to his audience?
4. This passage talks about how we will be like Jesus when we see Him. In what ways will we be like Him and in what ways will we NOT be like Him when we see Him?
5. 1 John 3:8 tells us that Jesus came to destroy the devil's work. What things are included as belonging to the devil's work?

6. Describe how you would react standing in front of your Creator if you were to pass from this life to the next this very day.

Application Questions & Prayer

7. What advice do you give yourself to remain in Christ? Is your advice simply what you need, or is it applicable to others as well?
8. We learned that righteous action promotes the peace and well-being of human beings in their relationship to one another. What actions could you add to your life to increase your righteousness?
9. Pray to remain in Christ and for His Word to remain in you. Pray to be an influencer for Christ!