





Seeing My Father in Me

1st John

Born of God

- **Obedient believers stand in a new relationship with God**
- **In His mercy, God caused us to be “*born again*” (1 Pet. 1:3)**
- **It is analogous to a child-father relationship**
- **There should be some family resemblance**

- **Everyone who is born of God...**

Practices Righteousness

*“If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been **born of him.**” (1 John 2:29)*

- **Being born of God means accepting a standard of conduct**
 - *“walk in the same way in which he walked” (1 Jn 2:6)*
 - Do not let anyone tell you otherwise! **(1 Jn 3:7)**
- **God wants to have fellowship with us (1 Jn 1:3)**
 - We must walk in the light **(1 Jn 1:5-7)**
 - He doesn't want us to sin **(1 Jn 2:1)**
 - God's grace provides provision for sin, not permission to sin

Cannot Keep On Sinning

*“No one **born of God** makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been **born of God.**”*
(1 John 3:9)

- **Not that a light-walker won’t occasionally “stumble” (1:8-9)**
- **One born of God does not live a life of perpetual, habitual sin**
 - We are no longer “*servants of sin*” (Rom. 6:12-18)
 - God’s word (Luke 8:11) abiding in us will help us resist temptation (1 Jn 2:14b)
- **The difference between us and the world is to be “evident” (1 Jn 3:10)**

Love One Another

*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been **born of God** and knows God.” (1 John 4:7)*

- **God demonstrated love toward us as our example**
 - Undeserved with no guarantee of reciprocation (**Rom. 5:8**)
- **We do not really know God unless we show God’s love**
 - It’s the true mark of a Christian (**John 13:35**)
 - Those born of God do not *“bite and devour one another”* (**Gal. 5:15**)

Believe that Jesus is the Christ

*“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been **born of God**, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been **born of him.**” (1 John 5:1)*

- **Faith is the foundation of who we are (Jn 1:12-13)**
- **Jesus could not be our Savior unless He was “the Christ”**
 - He could not reveal the way of salvation, unless He was a prophet
 - He could not sacrifice for our sins, unless He was a priest
 - He could not be enthroned at the Father's right hand, unless He was a king
 - He could not be prophet, priest, and king, unless He is the Christ (**Heb. 1:1-3**)
- **Those born of God believe, trust and follow Jesus as the Christ**

Overcome the World

*“For everyone who has been **born of God** overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” (1 John 5:4)*

- **Our faith is the victory!**
 - Our profession is proof! (1 Jn 5:1)
 - Demonstrated in our love and obedience (1 Jn 5:2; cf. 2:3, 5; 3:22)
 - Prevents serving Him from becoming “burdensome” (1 Jn 5:3)
- **We overcome through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:57; Rom. 8:37)**
 - *“The one who **overcomes** will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.” (Rev. 21:7)*

The Evil One Does Not Touch Him

*“We know that everyone who has been **born of God** does not keep on sinning, but he who was **born of God** protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.” (1 John 5:18)*

- ***touch*** - “to lay hold of or to grasp”
 - “to assault, in order to sever the vital union between Christ and the believer.”
- **Resist the devil and he will flee from you! (James 4:7)**
- **God protects us in His love (Rom. 8:35-39)**



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