

"Like Father, Like Son"

-1 John 3:4-10-

Introduction:

- Who do you most look like: Jesus Christ? Or the Devil?
 - Based on patterns of thought? Patterns of words? Patterns of actions?

In 1 John 3:4-10, we see two simple tests which plainly identify who is our father.

1) The Lawlessness Test (vv. 3-6):

- _____ is doing what God has said not to do, and _____ is not doing what He has said to do.
- Christ came to earth to take away sin's _____ and _____.
- Those who _____ sin do not know Christ in a saving way.

Notes:

2) The Righteousness Test (vv. 7-9):

- _____ is doing what God has said to do and not doing what He has said not to do.
- _____ is fully righteous, but _____ is sinful, and Christ came to destroy his work.
- Those who _____ righteousness know Christ and have a new nature.

Notes:

3) The Obvious Results (v. 10):

- The children of _____ resemble their Father in righteousness and love.
- The children of _____ resemble their father in lawlessness and hate.

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Conclusion:

- If God's word has exposed you, then **cry out to Jesus Christ** for salvation!
- If God's word has assured you, then **praise the Triune God** for salvation!

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

-- 1 John 5:13