**“RIGHT AND RIGHTEOUS”**

**1 John 3:1-10**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Point of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What part of the Sermon did you find to be the most beneficial?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. In what way(s) are you like your mother or father?
2. What was one of the benefits of being the child of your parents as you were growing up?
3. Why is “abiding” important in the Christian life? How is abiding different from “getting saved”?

**1 John 3:1–10 (NLT)**

1See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don’t recognize that we are God’s children because they don’t know him.

2Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. 3And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

4Everyone who sins is breaking God’s law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. 5And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. 6Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is.

7Dear children, don’t let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.

8But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil.

9Those who have been born into God’s family do not make a practice of sinning, because God’s life is in them. So they can’t keep on sinning, because they are children of God.

10So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

***EXPLORE***

1. Why did Christ appear? (3:5)
2. How is a person who lives in Christ unusual? (3:6)
3. What does it mean to do what is right? (3:7)
4. What did John say about the person who does what is sinful? (3:8)
5. Why can’t the person who is born of God continue to sin? (3:9)
6. How are children of God and children of the devil identified? (3:10)

***APPLY***

1. When have you felt that your non-Christian friends did not really know or understand you?
2. How do you reconcile the fact that Christians do sin with the statements that they cannot sin or keep on sinning?
3. How can we know that we are children of God?
4. How does knowing that all Christians are God’s children affect your relationship with the following: (a) spouse, (b) parent/child, (c) church member, (d) the world?
5. What does it mean for the world to not know Christ? How will that affect our relationship with the world?
6. How can a promise of seeing Jesus inspire Christians to pursue holiness? Why is holiness the natural response to Christian hope?

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