

## Jesus Came to Defeat Satan

1 John 3:6-10 | Ryan Heard

**Big Idea:** Jesus came to defeat Satan and free us to live holy lives as the children of God.

### I. Jesus came to defeat Satan (v. 8)

*The reason the Son of God appeared was to **destroy the works of the devil.***

**1 John 3:8**

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; **he** shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise **his** heel.*

**Genesis 3:15**

*When Christ died for our sins, Satan was disarmed and defeated. The one eternally destructive weapon that he had was stripped from his hand, namely, his accusation before God that we are guilty and should perish with him. When Christ died that accusation was nullified. All those who entrust themselves to Christ will never perish. Satan cannot separate them from the love of God in Christ.*

**John Piper**

### II. Jesus freed us to live holy lives as children of God (vv. 6-10)

*[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. 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 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.*

**1 John 3:6–10 (ESV)**

#### Two marks of the children of the devil

- The regular practice of habitual, unrepentant sin (vv. 6-10)
- Lack of love for the family of God (v. 10)

#### What John says about our new nature in Christ:

- God's seed (Spirit/word, eternal life) abides in us. (v. 9)
- We have been born of God. (v. 9)

#### Three marks of the children of God

- A. Intimacy with God (v. 6)
- B. Love for the family of God (v. 10)
- C. The pursuit of holiness & repentance from sin (vv. 6-7, 9-10)

[6] We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. [7] For one who has died has been set free from sin. [8] Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. [9] We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10] For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. **[11] So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. [12] Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. [13] Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. [14] For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.**

**Romans 6:6–14**

[6] If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **[9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**1 John 1:6-9**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. **But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**

**1 John 2:1**

[19] By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; [20] **for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.**

**1 John 3:19–20**

### **Consider your life:**

- Has your nature been changed by Jesus Christ who defeated Satan?
- Do you desire to live a holy life and live intimately with God as his child?
- Do you love the family of God?
- How is he calling you to respond today?