



1 John 3:1-10 – You Are What You Practice.

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SERMON TEXT // 1 John 3:1-10 English Standard Version

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸Whoever 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. ⁹No 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. ¹⁰By 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. (ESV)

SERMON OUTLINE //

1. We Are Children of God by Grace Alone (v.1)
 - *Ephesians 1:3-6*
 - *1 John 2:15-17*
2. Children of God Hope in His Coming (v.2-3)
 - *Ephesians 1:7-10*
3. Children of God Practice Righteousness, Not Sin (v.4-9)
 - Sin is incompatible with God's law (v.4)
 - Sin is incompatible with the work of Christ (v.5-6)
 - Christ came to destroy the works Satan (v.7-8)
 - Sin is incompatible with the work of the Holy Spirit (v.9)
4. There Are Only Two Kinds of Children (v.10)
 - *2 Peter 1:5-11*