

I John 3 – 7 September 2025

“When Love And Hate Collide”

Introduction

*Chap 1 began with a look at our level of devotion to *Jesus Christ as the Life and the Light* of the world

*1st half of Chap 2 spoke much *of developing our love and obedience* to our great Savior and Advocate

*2nd half of Chap 2 saw every *believer's anointing to abide* in Christ to experience confidence & joy

*Now Chap 3 shows the hostility between love & hate

*Being born again there is a supernatural love within us that can be called upon to live

*Yet there's a hatred in the world & the flesh for all things that are of God

*How can we know of which substance we are?

Today, we'll see 4 proofs that you've been born again from that supernatural seed of God's Spirit

#1 – We’re becoming like Jesus (Vs 1-3)

Read Vs 1

1. We’re either children of this world or of God
 - a. Eph 2:2 says, ‘In times past we lived like the world & were children of disobedience
 - b. I Cor 15:22 says, ‘In Adam all die, but in Christ all will be made alive’
2. Read John 1:11-13 – World can’t understand the Christian’s habits b/c they don’t know Jesus
3. Read Phil 2:14-15 – When we’re born again, there’s now a divide; we stand out for good
4. What greater inheritance could we have than to belong to the Creator & Lord of All

Read Vs 2

1. Read Rom 8:19, 22-23 – There’s anticipation w/i our bodies & even creation of a change coming
2. Much more to come for those that love Jesus
 - a. Read I Cor 2:9-10
 - b. Thru the Spirit we’re starting to receive it

3. I Cor 15 describes our new bodies as the production from the seed that is this body

Read Vs 3

1. We are those that “hope in Jesus”
 - a. We believe He’s our example of everything
 - b. We believe we’ll be resurrected, as He was
 - c. We believe our body becomes like His body
2. Those that hope in Jesus “purify themselves”
 - a. We desire to begin the process now
 - b. We start purifying ourselves NOW

#2 – We can’t tolerate habitual sin (Vs 4-9)

Read Vs 4-5

1. Committing sin is to show we’re against the Law – the perfect standards that God showed us
2. Now this was the very purpose that Jesus came – to remove this sin & lawlessness
 - a. Read II Cor 5:21 – The Great Exchange
 - b. Brought to you by His great love for us

Read Vs 6

1. This isn't saying a believer will never again sin
 - a. The word "sin" is present tense meaning present & continuous action
 - b. If it was aorist tense that would indicate a singular event
2. The one who continues in their habits of sin, has not come to know Jesus in a salvific way
3. To check your heart, don't look to an event in your past, but look at the present path you're walking down

Read Vs 7

1. We either continue in sin or we continue in righteousness
 - a. We're headed down one path or the other
 - b. Ask your friends if you're characterized by seeking sin or one seeking God's righteousness
2. It says don't be deceived b/c we have a great capacity to tell ourselves we're ok, when we're not

Read Vs 8-9

1. We either seek to follow our spiritual head God or our spiritual head Satan – no third option
2. Turn to John 8:39-47 – If you're having a hard time even wanting to follow God's good path – you're probably not born again & of the devil
 - a. Come to Jesus now, He loves you & saves

#3 – We're hated by the world (Vs 10-15)

Read Vs 10-11

1. Jesus said 'every good tree brings good fruit & every corrupt tree brings corrupt fruit' (Matt 7:17)
2. Notice again the inseparable link between loving & doing good
 - a. It's proven that we possess God's righteousness b/c we're living by God's love

Read Vs 12

1. Cain is a negative example of how evil deeds demonstrate the inner love for something other than God – this is hatred of God

- a. Esau to Jacob, Saul to David, your evil deeds demonstrate a heart problem
 - b. “I love God, I just hate His Church” (wrong)
2. On the contrary, righteous deeds generated from a heart for God will be attacked by the world

Read Vs 13-15

- 1. Read Matt 5:21-22 – It’s not just our actions that need judged & removed, it’s the root of the problem in our hearts
 - a. The hatred for God’s will & plan is what needs crucified
- 2. Expect those abiding in death, will come against your drive to expand God’s kingdom & plan

#4 – We give out love extravagantly (Vs 16-24)

Read Vs 16

- 1. The ultimate example of love is God *giving* His Son on the cross to die
 - a. You want your love to be known – give

2. What is this ultimate gift of giving?
 - a. It *wasn't* what the world was asking for (the world wants to be fed or see some miracle)
 - b. It *wasn't* something enjoyable for God to give (Jesus prayed, not My will but Yours)
 - c. It *was* what we needed (love always gives what the other needs to bring them to the Lord)
3. This is our example to follow
 - a. This will demonstrate our love & that we've passed from death into eternal life

Read Vs 17-18

1. Love is a verb; it's a practical expression of an inward reality
2. Read Jam 2:14-17 – If we're, in reality, placing our faith in Jesus, we'll show practical love for all
 - a. *"What good is it?"* – Our relationship w/ Jesus is supposed to have practical usage in life

Read Vs 19-21

1. Assurance of salvation is b/c of the fruit of good works that are being supernaturally produced

- a. When we're doing what's right & loving, it won't always "feel" right & loving
 - b. We need to let our mind make a convert of our heart (not vis versa)
2. Examples
- a. Humbly putting others first IS RIGHT & LOVING
 - b. Standing for godliness when no one else does IS RIGHT & LOVING
3. Read John 14:27 – Let the Prince of Peace bring you a peace that passes all understanding

Read Vs 22

- 1. Natural result of living by faith in Jesus producing good works is for prayers to be answered
 - a. This is given for the disciple of Christ
- 2. Read Luke 9:23 – A disciple is the one denying themselves & longing for God's will to be done
- 3. More we know Jesus, more we live for His will
 - a. The more we live for His will, the more we see prayers answered...b/c they're according to His will

Read Vs 23-24

1. Do you want to do the work to be saved?
What's the only work that God is pleased with?
 - a. Read John 6:29 – Believe
2. The believer lives with this confidence that we have saving faith
 - a. Rom 8:16 says, the Holy Spirit testifies to our spirit that we ARE the children of God

Conclusion

Are you exhibiting proofs you've been born again?

1. **Are you becoming like Jesus?**
2. **Are you not able to tolerate habitual sin?**
3. **Have you experienced hatred by the world?**
4. **Are you giving out love extravagantly?**

When was the last time you...

Gave out a sacrificial act of love and

Told someone that you love them?