

Spiritual DNA Test



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

From the Series,
"Authentic Trust"

1 John 3:3-10
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1. Our Profession Of Faith Examined (3-6)

- a. A word about sanctification (3) - "And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure."
- b. A word about sin (4) - "Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness."
- c. A word about the Savior (5) - "You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin."
- d. A word about the saints (6) - "No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him."

2. Our Profession Of Faith Questioned (7-8a)

"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!" - 2 Corinthians 13:5

- a. Diagnosing righteous behavior (7) - "Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous."
- b. Diagnosing unrighteous behavior (8a) - "Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning."

3. Our Profession Of Faith Validated (8b-10)

- a. Recalling the purpose of the Son (8b) - "...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."
- b. Recognizing the power of the Spirit (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."
- c. Revealing the paternity of the Father (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."

"Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright." - Proverbs 20:11