

Firm Foundation Week 5: Christlikeness

1 John 3:1–10 (CSB)

1 John 5:13 (CSB)

I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may **know** that you have eternal life.

We have a firm foundation in Christlikeness **IF** we have been born again.

1 John 3:1–10 (CSB)

See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children—and we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know him. ²Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is. ³And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed so that he might take away sins, and there is no sin in him. ⁶Everyone who remains in him does not sin; everyone who sins has not seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸The one who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the devil's works. ⁹Everyone who has been born of God does not sin, because his seed remains in him; he is not able to sin, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰This is how God's children and the devil's children become obvious. Whoever does not do what is right is not of God, especially the one who does not love his brother or sister.

1 John 3:1a

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- English Hope means “Preference without certainty”.
- Greek Hope means “Promise with certainty”.

1 John 3:7

Little children, **let no one deceive you**. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

1 John 1:7–10 (CSB)

⁷If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 3:4–6 (CSB)

⁴Everyone who commits sin practices **lawlessness**; and **sin is lawlessness**. ⁵You know that he was revealed so that he might take away sins, and there is no sin in him. ⁶Everyone who remains in him does not sin; everyone who sins has not seen him or known him.

1 John 3:8 (CSB)

The one who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: **to destroy the devil's works**.

1 John 1:10 (CSB)

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