WHO'S YO DADDY? SO YOU MAY KNOW MESSAGE SERIES WEEK 5

1 John 3:1-10 Pastor Jeff Burkholder May 9, 2021

Understanding 1 John 3:1-10

Verses 1-3: Now, we are children of God.

Verses 4-6: No one who lives in Jesus keeps on sinning.

Verses 7-10: Do not let anyone deceive you.

Three questions to know and answer:

1. Have I experienced a spiritual rebirth?

"The New Bible Dictionary says regeneration is 'a drastic act on fallen human nature by the Holy Spirit, leading to a change in the person's whole outlook. He can now be described as a new man who seeks, finds and follows God in Christ.""

Daniel L. Akin, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1, 2, & 3 John*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2014, p. 70.

2. Is there evidence I am a <u>child</u> of God?

"A life of living in sin and living in the Savior is an oxymoron. It does not make sense. It is spiritually absurd."

Daniel L. Akin, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1, 2, & 3 John*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2014, p. 67.

3. Do I need to be <u>born</u> of God?

"God gives us the desire to live righteously. If a person does not have this desire, even though he claims to know God, there is good reason for him to question whether or not he is really a child of God."

Theodore H. Epp, *Tests of Life*, The Good News Broadcasting Association, Back to the Bible, Lincoln, NE, 1957, p. 57.

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

2 Corinthians 13:5, NIV

Discussion Question:

Have you experienced a spiritual rebirth? If so, when and what was the result?