

Learn it, love it,
Live It!
Sin, Saints & Satan's Servants

1 John 3:4-10

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Introduction:

There is the Moral Test...of "*obedience*" (1 John 2:3)

The Social Test...of "*love.*" (1 John 2:9-10)

The Doctrinal Test... of "*truth.*" (1 John 2:21-23)

John points out the Christian's incompatibility with sin and the non-Christian's continuing practice of sin.

First: About Christians

"No one who abides in Him sins..." (Vs. 6)

"...the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous" (Vs. 7)

"No one who is born of God practices sin..." (Vs. 9)

"...he cannot sin, because he is born of God." (Vs. 9)

Second: About non-Christians

"... no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him."
(Vs. 6)

"...the one who practices sin is of the devil;" (Vs. 8)

"...anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother."
(Vs. 10)

I. The Characteristics of Sin (Vs. 4, 5, 8)

First: Sin is Lawlessness (Vs. 4)

Sin is disobeying the will, the law, the purpose and plan of God...it is rebellion against God Himself.