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1 John 3:3-9

TRIBE-12

= a close-knit community with shared identity

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

1 John 3:4-6

INTRODUCTION

A DESIRABLE TREASURE 3:3-9

- in last Sunday night's message, I explained that John has entered a new emphasis in his letter

chapters 1-2 the *fellowship* of Christianity

chapter 3 the *sonship* of Christianity

verse 10

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

this verse is the key to the chapter...it describes for us what a genuine Christian really is:

the one who does righteousness

the one who loves his brother

verse one tells us *what we are*

verse two tells us *what we shall be*

verse three tells us *what we should be*

2 Peter 3:11-12

...what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God...

NOTE: **verse 7** if a Christian is one who does righteousness, then what is the difference between doing *good* and doing *righteousness*?

the desire of your heart...

WHO do you want to please? MOTIVE

Isaiah 64:6 filthy rags

Matthew 5:20 righteousness shall exceed

Matthew 6:32-33

1. OUR ANTICIPATION OF PURIFICATION

THE MOTIVE **verse 3**

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

hope = anticipation, expectation

John describes a very strong hope that grows stronger as more evidence appears *in him*

John is almost 100 years old at this point and has been walking with the Lord for a long time

the longer he serves Christ, the more he experiences answered prayers, etc.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

the result of this evidence in his life is that he daily seeks to be clean and ready for the Lord's return

purifieth = to make ceremonially clean

John wants to look more like Christ with each passing day because he anticipates the soon return of his Savior

THE MAXIM **verse 4**

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

maxim = an obvious truth

as believers, we are not under the Law as a *system*, but as a *standard*

Matthew 5:17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

the problem with the Law was that no one could keep the Law...ever

James 2:10 one point, guilty...

the Law exists to define sin...grace does not change God's holiness

Romans 7:7-8

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Galatians 3:24

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

THE MATRIX **verse 5**

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

matrix = something from which a thing originates

John tells us there were two reasons for Jesus to come in the flesh

1. to take away our sins
2. to destroy the works of the devil **verse 8**

there was no sin in Jesus **1 John 2:29**

2 Corinthians 5:21

...he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin

Hebrews 7:26

For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

and for a moment, consider the response others had when confronted with their sins

Moses	Hebrews 12:21
Daniel	Daniel 10:8
Isaiah	Isaiah 6:5
Peter	Luke 5:8
John	Revelation 1:17

knowing these truths, we should desire holiness as a way of life

Romans 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

2. OUR INCLINATION TOWARDS SEPARATION

NOTE: again, John used the term 'little children' in relation to his command not to be deceived (verse 7)...often times, we make the simple truths of scripture harder than they have to be

REMAIN WITH HIM verse 6

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

abide = remain in fellowship with

the **verb tenses** in John's letter are important

sinneth = to practice sin continually

John is saying that if we remain in right fellowship with God, then we will be less likely to continue practicing sin in our lives

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

cf living with the pastor

Galatians 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

RELEASED FROM SIN verse 8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

we might have an excuse to sin if we were still under the power of sin

but Christ *destroyed* the works of the devil

*destroy = to loosen, put off
cf a monkey on your back*

Luke 11:21-22

When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

Romans 6:17-18

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

if I gave you a task and did not explain how to do it, etc.

but if I taught you, gave you the tools, and then showed you an exact copy of what I wanted???

REBORN TO WIN **verse 9**

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

seed = sperm (*sperma*)

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible

when we get saved, we literally are **born again**

this is *regeneration*

NOTE: the verb tense is different here...John is speaking of the ideal situation in this verse

2 Peter 1:4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Hebrews 12:10

...that we might be partakers of his holiness.

John is reminding us of our birth into the family of God...we are His sons **3:1**

think of family traits and characteristics

 **Luke 15:14-18** a son in a pig pen

who spent all his money?

who hired on as a servant?

who was happy to eat with pigs?

And when he came to himself...

he realized he was a son...not a pig