

At the end of chapter 2, we saw the **positional reality** that those who are born again will abide with Christ by God's Holy Spirit until Heaven...and the **practical reality** that we can be seduced from abiding in God's truth and the fruit abiding produces (2:24-27). Last week, we were told to _____ the prominent position we have as born again sons and daughters of God (v. 1). Our journey through today's section will be about how sin looks in the mix of it all from positional and practical vantage points. This can certainly be a difficult section of Scripture, but we must strive to follow the proper rules of Bible study and rightly divide God's Word to get the truth of it all (2 Tim. 2:15).

THE SINLESS SONS OF GOD – 1 John 3:4-10

- v. 4-5** *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.*
- v. 6** *Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.*
- v. 7-8** *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 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.*
- v. 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.*
- v. 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.*
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1. **Anyone** (*whosoever*) who breaks God's law is a sinner and can have Jesus Christ, _____ Son of God, become their sin bearer by receiving Him and become a son of God – v. 1, **4-5**; John 1:12-13, 29; James 2:9-11; Is. 53:5-6; 1 Pet. 2:24-25.
- This is a _____ reality for all*
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2. **Anyone** (*whosoever*) abiding in Him (*continually*) as a son of God does not sin, but all who do not abide in Him _____ in their sin and have not seen/known God – **v. 6**; 2:27; Jn. 8:24, 14:7-9; Col. 1:27, 2:9-14.
- This is a _____ reality for all*
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3. **Sons of God** (*little children*) who abide positionally are to live righteously and not commit sins of the devil, from whom they have been rescued – **v. 7-8**; 2:24-26; Matt. 16:23; Acts 5:3; Rom. 8:7; 2 Tim. 2:25-26.
- This is a _____ reality for sons of God (born again Christians)*
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4. **Sons of God** (*born of God*) do not commit sin that will be held against their salvation because the seed of Jesus Christ remains (*abides*) in them – **v. 9**; 1 Pet. 1:23; 2 Cor. 4:16, 5:21.

This is a _____ reality for sons of God (born again through Christ)

5. **Sons of God** (*children of God*) have _____ evidence that demonstrate they are born again of God as do children of the devil (*not born again*) – **v. 10**; Jn. 8:42-45; Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 7:22-25; James 2:17-18.

Doeth not righteousness (Rom. 3:10-12) =

Loveth not his brother =