

1 John 3:4-10

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Argument: True Christians do not “keep on” sinning (v. 6)

Structure:

- **It’s incompatible with the Law of God (1 John 3:4)**
- **It’s irreconcilable with the work of Christ (1 John 3:5-8)**
- **It’s inconsistent with the regeneration of the Spirit (1 John 3:9-10)**

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. How are we to marry the two truths that John is teaching—that Christians can and do still sin after conversion (1:8-9; 5:16), and that Christians do not and cannot keep on sinning (3:4-6; 10)?
2. How are New Covenant Christians supposed to understand the Law of God when pursuing to “practice righteousness?” Consider Matthew 22:34-30.
3. John warns that there were those in the early church trying to deceive Christians into thinking that what they believe and how they lived were independent of one another. Is this false teaching still prevalent in the modern church today? What areas are we most likely to come into contact with this type of errant teaching?
4. Why is being “born of God” emphasized so strongly by the Apostle here? Consider John 3:1-21 when answering this question? Does the doctrine of the new birth (or regeneration) carry the same weight for you in your own heart?