

"SAINTS AND SIN"
I JOHN 3:4-10

I. ON THE DOCTRINE OF SINLESS PERFECTION (3:6, 8, 9)

A. Is There A Genuine Contradiction Within This Epistle?

B. The Issue Is: No One Indwelt By Christ Rejoices In Sin As A Habitual Lifestyle

II. A STUDY IN CONTRASTS (3:4-5)

A. Negatively: An Habitually Sinful Lifestyle Is More Often Than Not, The Evidence Of Lostness (3:4)

B. Positively: Christ Appeared The First Time, To Among Other Things, Put A Stop To This Destructive Pattern (3:5)

1. A Lawless Lifestyle Is A Contradiction To That Purpose

2. A Lawless Lifestyle Is Tantamount To Calling Christ A Liar

a. It Is A Denial Of Christ's Character!

b. It Is A Denial Of Christ's Cross!

III. A STUDY IN SPIRITUAL PARENTAGE (3:7-10)

A. One Can Only Be Righteous If He Has The Nature Of The Righteous One (3:7)

B. One Who Can Only Habitually Sin Has The Nature Of His Father, The Devil (3:8)

1. Displays The Lack Of The Holy Spirit (3:9)

2. Displays A Lack Of Love (3:10)