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I John 3

Children of God

1Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

John's words from God are prophetic to our ears. And that prophecy was being fulfilled from the day it was written and even more so today. The world has been divided into two groups: saved and unsaved. There is no color barrier, no sex barrier, no age barrier, the only barrier is between belief and no belief in Jesus as the Son of God and Jesus as our propitiation for our sins.

Barna Group has released a new study

https://www.arizonachristian.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CRC_AWVI2021_Release02_Digital_01_20210427.pdf

Quote from Dr. George Barna:

“Young adults have grown up with a culturally adulterated version of the Christian faith,” the veteran researcher explained. “They

have adopted a softer, twisted version of genuine Christianity. The good news is practitioners of MTD are not anti-religion or anti-Christianity. They just are not willing to surrender themselves to authentic Christianity's demands—or to believe that a real faith would even make such demands of them.”

We are the sons and daughters of God, crafted by Him to walk in obedience to His Word, the Truth, Jesus Christ. We are to walk as Jesus walked, not as man walks. We all struggle with sin, and we must seek the Power of the Holy Spirit to fight against our own sinfulness as we walk with Christ. Obedience is not “legalism” it is a willing heart that overcomes the flesh the sin nature that still resides in each of us. We must put in effort of purifying ourselves not for ourselves alone but for the reflection of Christ that we are to be on this earth. It is our duty to serve Him with our bodies.

2Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Our hope lies not in our own strength but in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit that resides in us. If we don't seek His help in everything we say and do, we are fighting the flesh with the flesh and the evil within us will prevail.

Jesus said:

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

This Comforter the Holy Spirit is not a snuggle toy, He is powerful and is God just like Jesus is God. We have the power of the Creator God living inside of us and He points to Jesus in everything He speaks to us. Every time we sin, from an ill spoken word to an act of sin we Grieve the Holy Spirit. God gave us the Law to show how far we are from Him in the way we walk our lives on earth.

4Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

The Law was given to show us how far short from the Glory of God we are.

God tells us we all fall short of the Glory of God.

Romans 3:10As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

So, we need help, in our daily walk which includes our mouths. Our walk those physical acts we do for and through the Power of God must match our mouths. If not we have a problem, and continuing on as if we are ok is not the answer.

2 Corinthians 3: 17Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are

changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The Power of the Holy Spirit is there for us but it requires each of us to surrender our lives including our mouths to Him.

5And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

This allegation strikes to the heart of all of us. “Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him neither known Him.”

Do you have a sin in your life that is perpetual, that you have not taken responsibility for, that you continually fall into? It is a dangerous place to reside, and action must be taken. But your flesh cannot win the battle against the flesh, we have fed the flesh for too long and it is strong and refuses to die. But God has given us the Comforter the third part of the Trinity to live in us and grant us power over the flesh, but only if we surrender and allow Him to take control.

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The Holy Spirit was granted to us for several purposes.

John 14:26 26 But ^uthe Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom ^xthe Father will send in my name, ^yhe shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Teach and remind or convict us

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, ⁱafter that ye heard ^kthe word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also ^lafter that ye believed, ye were ^msealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Seal us to Jesus

Jude 20: 20 But ye, beloved, ^zbuilding up yourselves on your most holy faith, ^apraying in the Holy Ghost,

Build us up in Christ

Romans 8: 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for ^ewe know not what we should pray for as we ought: but ^fthe Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And ^ghe that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is ^hthe mind of the Spirit, ^lbecause ⁱhe maketh intercession for the saints ⁱaccording to the will of God.

Help us in infirmities, not know what to pray for.

Intercession for us for things we cannot speak

He searches our hearts

7Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8He

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.

This harkens back to a word we have studied repeatedly, Obedience. Salvation was completely accomplished by Jesus on the Cross and His Resurrection. The work set before us after Salvation is walking in “Righteousness”. It is our obligation, not a suggestion. It has nothing to do with Salvation and has everything to do with our Loving Jesus for what He did for us on the Cross.

9Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10In 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.

The issue John speaks of is again something we have repeatedly examined. Can you lose your Salvation? I think it is clear that those who are Truly saved cannot lose their salvation. Those who mentally assent to Salvation are in no better situation than those who reject Christ. The heart has never been circumcised. None of us are capable of judging anyone’s heart condition. The only judgement we are suggested to do is that of our own heart.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own

selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

1 Corinthians 9: [27](#)But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

The point in 1 Corinthians 9 is that we do not want to be hypocrites. It is why we should judge our own motives before we rebuke any other believer. In any case we are told that any rebuke MUST be done in LOVE with no malice or anger. To many times we think we are called on to correct our brothers and sisters and we are irritated with that brother or sister and that is our calling. If that is the case, we are wrong and should hold our tongue.

Luke 6:42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

It is a challenging thing to rebuke in Love those whom Christ Loves; and who are those that Christ Loves? The answer to that question is who did Jesus die for? ALL.

Love One Another

[\(John 13:31-35; Romans 12:9-13\)](#)

[11](#)For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. [12](#)Not as

Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

***John 13:31* Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. 33Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. 34A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

We all know it is quite easy to love those who love us. It is a completely different matter to love the unlovable. Unfortunately, many names come to mind when I think of people I do not love with the Love of Christ. The most prominent are those who hate or lie about Jesus, I find it hard to Love them with Christ's Love that is within me. Perhaps the most I can do is to pray for them, that their error would be evident to them, and they could come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

13Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

Our Christian Love is primarily for our Christian Brothers and Sisters. God tells us not to throw pearls before the swine.

***Matthew 7:6* Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.**

However, the world should know we are Christians by our love of our fellow Believers. That may cause the unsaved to understand this Love and ask. It is a serious matter to carry out God's command of Loving our Brothers and Sisters. We don't get to choose which ones we Love we are commanded to Love them all.

14We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

This point John is making is that he is equating "salvation" with "loving our brethren". To abide in Life we must be born again, not being born again then by default we are abiding in "death".

15Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 16Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. 17But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels *of compassion* from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

This last verse is likely the source of the term; "talk is cheap". In other words, if we see a brother or sister in need and we do not do anything, the contention here is that we are not saved.

19And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. 20For if our heart

condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

The point is that if we hear in our hearts from God to respond to a need and we refuse to do so, the Holy Spirit will convict us of our failure. If on the other hand we respond to God's urging and we carry out what He is asking us to do, then our hearts will be confident in the Lord God. God knows our hearts; we cannot deceive Him so we can only judge our own actions in the light of His Truth.

21Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God. 22And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

This idea of getting anything we want or ask for has been taken to an extreme. It is better understood that God will give us the things we need any time we ask, based on His knowledge of what we need at any given time.

23And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 24And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

John repeats the very basics we have so often discussed.

Salvation is based on Jesus Christ the Son of God. When we

were saved by Christ, He told us that we were to Love one another, meaning the brethren. He is not excluding us loving others who are not saved because it is often that love of the unsaved that drives us to share the Good News. If we only have affection for Believers who will go into the world to share the Good News? When Jesus died, were any of us saved at that time? No, He laid down His life for the entire world including us even before we knew Him. So, if He did that for us, don't you think His Love is big enough to include the unsaved? Aren't we called to take the Good News to the unsaved?

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