

## Wee 6 Study Guide - 1st John 3:1-10

### Scripture

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's[b] seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

### Questions

Talk about your family. Who do you consider family? How do you get along?

In this scripture John uses family language 12 different times. Can you spot some of the family language he used?

What do you think it means to be a child of God?

Read John 1:10-14. Is everyone children of God? How do you become a child of God?

What do you think some of the perks of being a child of God are?

Reread verse 5. Jesus came not only to die for sin, but also to kill sin in your life. Is there any sin in your life that needs to be fought and killed?

According to the scripture above, what is some of the proof that you are a child of God?

### Devotion

My wife is having our second son very soon! It will probably be within the next few weeks. I have other plans within the next couple weeks, but if my wife starts having the baby all my other plans are instantly canceled. Over the next two weeks I am planning on going on a work trip to Decatur, going to an Illini football game with my college roommate, and taking a major test for a

class I am in. Yet, if my wife goes into labor at any point during any of these events I will drop everything I am doing and go to the hospital. My excitement to have a new son will trump any excitement I have doing anything else.

In the same way I am excited for my son to be born, John is overcome with emotion and excitement in verse 1. He says how can it be that I am a child of God? John knows what kind of sin he has had in his life, yet God still wants to adopt him. Him being a child of God trumps everything else that is going on in his life. We should have that same feeling. Knowing that God chose to adopt us should bring us great amounts of joy and excitement!

It is possible to think that you are a child of God when you are actually not. John wants to make sure we understand that. He repeats over and over the concept that children of God turn from their sin. Not that they are perfect (1st John 1:8), but that they are becoming more like their father God.

### **Action Steps**

Think - In what way is your life different now that God has adopted you as a child of God? If it is not different in anyway, do you think that your faith is superficial?

Prayer -Take 5 minutes and thank God that he adopted you as His child.

Act - Verse 10 says if we do not love our brothers then we are not children of God. Think of one way that is tangible to love a brother or sister in Jesus and do it.