

“Sinning Less Because He Is Sinless” // 1 John 3:4-6

NOTES

Scripture Refs

Gen. 4:7; 1 Sam. 12:14-15; Isa. 11:2; 42:1; Matt. 7:23; Luke 4:14,18-19
John 1:29; 10:10; 14:15-17,25-26; 15:4-7; Rom. 6:1-4,18,23; 2 Cor. 5:21
Gal. 5:16,22-23; 1 Thess. 2:3; 2 Thess. 2:7; Jas. 1:13

Reflection & Discussion

1. (FROM LAST WEEK): Consider our call to *purify ourselves as He is pure* (verse 3):
 - a. How would you describe the *purity of Christ*?
 - b. In what ways does a Christian *purify* himself/herself?
 - c. Why is it necessary that Jesus was, is, and always will be pure?
2. How is *kenosis* (the doctrine which says Jesus lived on earth in total submission to the power of the Holy Spirit) an important/encouraging reality in the life of a believer?
 - a. What does it mean to be in submission to the Spirit in us?
3. John bluntly calls our practice of sin “lawlessness”. What does that mean?
 - a. How is this reality meant to stir you to righteous living?
4. Have an open discussion on what it means to *abide in Christ*. (How do you define “abide”? What passages support this exhortation? How does *abiding* affect our walk with God? ...etc.)