

NOTES

Scripture Refs

Gen. 4:3–5; 4:8; Lev. 19:18; Ps. 136:1; Isa. 14:12–15; Ezek. 28:11–17; Matt. 13:3–9; John 10:10; 13:34–35; 15:4–5,7,12; Rom. 8:38–39; 1 Cor. 11:19; Eph. 3:17–19; 4:1–2; 1 Pet. 1:23; Jas. 1:13; Heb. 4:12; 13:20–21; 1 John 2:28; 2:15

Reflection & Discussion

1. (From last week) Consider and discuss verse 9:
 - a. What does it mean that “God’s seed abides” in a Christian?
 - b. How should this reality stir us to action?

2. Consider the reality that *those in Christ* are “children of God”:
 - a. Does this reality produce a sense of awe in you? In a few sentences, describe it.
 - b. How should this truth motivate us to righteous living?

3. John connects righteousness with loving other believers:
 - a. What other passages in the Bible emphasize God’s desire that His children love one another?
 - b. How is this brotherly love qualitatively distinct from our call to love everyone?
 - c. What factors might hinder our desire to love fellow believers, and how do we overcome those?