

1 John - part 4

1 John 3:4-10

spirit of lawlessness (antichrist ~ 2 Thes 2) is root of sin (Rom 5-8, Gal 3)

(Ro 7:8) ⁸But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.

(1Sa 15:22-23) So Samuel said: “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

lawlessness is opposite of obedience - rebellion (control), stubbornness (desire)
can't cover lawlessness with worship or spiritual activity

He manifest to remove our sin, destroy the works of the devil (lawlessness) - primarily in us
no sin in Him, so whoever abides in Him doesn't sin (Gal 5:16)

verse 9 ~ potential? (all about His seed in us)

what we practice (righteousness/sin) reveals our father (vs 10)

(Jn 8:44) You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.
changed desires is the evidence we are His children

1 John 3:10-15

children of God...practice righteousness, love one another (vs 11 ~ Jn 13:35)

world hates (vs 13) ~ false tolerance, love is sign we're not of world (vs 14)

hate = murder (Cain competed with brother)

righteousness must be killed for lawlessness to prosper (vs 12)

can only overcome hate with love (Rom 12:21)

can't overcome spirit of the world using spirit of the world

1 John 3:16-22

Jesus example – lay down life (opposite spirit of world/murder/competition)

love in deed – proof we are of Him (vs 19)

assurance/confidence vs condemnation (each from a father)

condemnation keeps us from faith (vs 21-22)

obedience builds confidence/assurance (still faith, not earned ~ vs 20)

1 John 3:23-24

believe on Jesus, love one another, obey Him

Spirit is assurance He is with us! (experiences)

(1Jn 3:4-24) ⁴Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

⁹Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

¹⁰In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. ¹¹For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹²not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. ¹⁵Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. ²⁰For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. ²²And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 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.

²⁴Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.