

THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 3:9-15

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Proof of The Divine Birth”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

The Family of God, A Real Christian

INTRODUCTION: The Reading of the Text vv. 9-15

I John 3:9-15

“Whoever 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. ¹⁰ In 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. ¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² not 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. ¹³ Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”

“Proof of a Divine Birth”

1.) We Have Been Born of God vv. 9-10

“Whoever **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**.¹⁰ In 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.

1a.) Of God Being **Recreated**

Verse 9

“Whoever **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**.

“Whoever has been born of God”

this is not a quiz or a questionnaire that John is putting forth here.

He is Declaring that the Christian is one who has been born of God, THEREFORE...

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

THIS NEW CREATION IS “ANTI-SIN” IN NATURE

“does not sin”

Does not live on in a condition of sinfulness perpetual, habitual, continuous sinning

Because!!!

“His seed remains in him / us”

1 Peter 1:23

having been born again, not of corruptible **seed** but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

1b.) Of God Being **Reintroduced**

Verse 10

In this the **children of God** and the **children of the devil** are manifest: Whoever does not **practice** righteousness is not of God,

In this or by this

the **children of God** and the **children of the devil** are manifest

“does not sin”

In the Physical Realm

The Dominant Genus Cancels out the Weaker

1c.) Of God Being **Reunited**

Before We Came to Christ
Division, Factions and Cliques led us to hatred

Hatred is the Opposite of Love

Verse 10

nor is he who does not love his brother.

Galatians 5:14-16

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ **But if you bite and devour one another**, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

The Christian Will Be Loving

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Love

Will Hallmark the True Believer

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2.) We Have the **Love of God**

vv. 11-13

For **this is the message** that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² not 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. ¹³ Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

2a.) A Love for **One Another**

Verse 11

For this is the message that you heard from the beginning,
that we should **love one another**,

“this is the message”

Romans 5:5-6

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

We Have The Love of God
(It's here (inside) to be lived out through HIM)
How Would Loving Be Known,
Because Love is a Verb?

2b.) A Love **Regardless** of Reward

Verse 12

...not 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.

Cain & Able

Both had the same set of parents
They both outwardly worshipped God

There Are Two Opinions Here

#1

Cain's Crime was Bringing a Bloodless Sacrifice

#2

Abel's being a Blood Sacrifice was Acceptable

Personally

#3

*The Issue wasn't Blood or Grain,
The worship of Cain was Tainted
what was in the Heart - Came Out!!!*

Cain's Internal Hatred Manifested Itself in External Murder

IT WAS A MATTER OF FAITH

Hebrews 11:4a

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain,

Abel's Faith Was Real Inwardly First,
Then Revealed Outwardly

Spiritually, Cain's Father was Satan

John 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Psalms 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

Romans 1:28-32

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

2c.) A Love That Endures

Verse 13

Do not marvel (be surprised),
my brethren, if **the world hates** you.

The World Will Hate "The Jesus" That They See In You "Proof of a Divine Birth"

3.) We Have the **Life of God**

vv. 14-15

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."

3a.) A Life That Can Be **Known**

Verse 14

We know that we have passed from **death** to **life**,
because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

The Point Being Made is

Christian's can be known for their Love for God
and their Love for one another

3b.) A Life That We Now **Live**

Verse 15

Whoever **hates** his brother is a **murderer**,
and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."

**John is Not Condoning
the Hating of Another Christian,
BUT RATHER, He is Systematically Presenting
Who The Christian's really are**

Revelation 22:15 TLB

"Outside the city are those who have strayed away from God, and the sorcerers and the immoral and murderers and idolaters, and all who love to lie, and do so.

D. Martin Lloyd-Jones

"Those who are dead, are dead to the value of their own souls. They care not, nor are they aware of the fact that they are being invisibly led away, day by day, deeper into a maze of which they will never recover. For the prince of demons has been their unknowing guide to a place reserved in darkness forever – this is their unbelievable end."

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. **But** you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Isn't it awesome of God
that even a murderer can repent of their sin
and experience eternal life

Ephesians 5:1-2a

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us...