

real.

your walk
reveals
your identity

Introduction:

- As a parent, it's hard to pick your child out of the high school band of 275 kids who are all dressed exactly alike. But I've found the secret. I can tell who my child is by how he walks.
- The same is true for the Child of God. When we swore allegiance to Jesus Christ, we were called to a radically different walk from the rest of the world.
- But there is a huge problem today. All too often there is no difference in the life of a professing Christian and the world.
- John doesn't pull any punches or beat around the bush. He tells us straight up how to tell the difference between the children of God and the children of the devil. The list may shock you.

Children of the Devil

- Do what is _____
No one who continues to sin has either seen or known him. (6b, 8)
- Do not do what is _____
Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God. (10b)
- Do not _____ others
Nor is anyone who does not love his brother. (10c)

Children of God

- Do not make _____ the practice of their life
No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. (6, 9)
- Make _____ the practice of their life
He who does what is right is righteous, just as He is. (7b)

- Are known for _____
[He loves his brother] (10b)

Three Reasons To Refuse to Practice Sin

1. I am _____ by the Spirit's Presence in My Life
...because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning. (v. 10)

cf. **John 3:5-7**
John 14:15-17, 26

If Jesus promised us "the Helper," it implies that we need _____.

2. I Am _____ by the Son's Work on My Behalf
...he appeared so that he might take away our sin. (v. 5)

Cf. **John 1:19**
Where did he take it? **Colossians 2:14**

Jesus _____ to the cross!

3. I Am _____ by the Father's Love for Me
How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God! (v. 1)

How great – reaction of _____ and _____!

cf. **1 John 4:9, 10**

Conclusion:

Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself even as He is pure. (v. 3)

Hold yourself in the fire of obedience
until you _____.