

Why live a godly life?

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Introduction

1. Text 1 John 3:1-10
2. John has written to assure God's people of their relationship with God. "fellowship" it is called 1 John 1:3
3. The relationship with Christ is revealed in the idea of being **in** him 1 John 2:3-4, 28. John 15:1-7
4. The relationship with God and Christ is challenged by:
 - a. The world 1 John 2:15-17
 - b. Antichrist 1 John 2:18-19
5. Why keep this relationship on going?

II Discussion

1. The first reason is: is the love of God 1 John 3:1
 - a. God is love 1 John 3:14-18; 4:7-21; 5:2
 - b. The word "bestowed" the implied idea being that of giving freely 1 John 4:10
 - c. Love is agapa, active good will, benevolence in action.
2. The second reason to keep this relationship going in our Rights
 - a. God is our Father 3:1, 10
 - i. His seed/ word has brought us to new life. Luke 8:11 1 Peter 1:23
 - ii. Born of God is used 7X in our book. 2:29; 3:9 (2X); 4:7; 5:1,4,18
 - iii. John begins this thought in John 3:3-5
 - b. We should be called His children 3:2,10
 - i. This ought to be a signal honor being called a child of God.
 - ii. God claims us as His children
 - c. We are **now** the children of God
 - i. We may get so impressed with the future as a child of God that we forget the present Vs 2-3
 - ii. God cares for us now
 - d. Promise of 3:2 is Being like Jesus and seeing Him
 - e. Thus we are a people of **hope**!
3. Because of these reasons we now have responsibilities
 - a. To Purify self 1 John 3:3
 - i. We have regulations relative to pure water, and air, we even have a pure food and drug laws.
 - ii. These are there because of the danger of disease and death
 - iii. Here we are dealing with purity of heart
 - iv. The heart is the center of control Mark 7:21-23
 - v. Repentance is required Acts 8:22
 - vi. Confession is required 1 John 1:9 What is meant by "we"
 - vii. Thinking on good positive things is what we are to do Phil 4:6-8
 - b. Practice sin no more 3:4-10

- i. John is not saying that one becomes sinlessly perfect if so he is contradicting himself in 1:5-2:2
- ii. Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness . 1 John 3:4 ASV
- iii. The word committeth is present tense and is not only continuous but also habitual Rom 1:32
- iv. In verse 6 the word “sinneth” is also present which means it is continuous action.
- v. In 1 John 1:8-10 the verb tense is aorist and refers to a single acts of sin committed due to weakness of the flesh, ignorance etc.
- c. Practice righteousness
 - i. This means whatever conforms to the revealed will of God and therefore is right and just in itself Matt 5:6, 20
 - ii. The sum total of God’s requirements Matt 6:33
 - iii. One cannot practice both sin and righteousness at the same time.

III Conclusion

1. The responsibilities of the Christian life are not burdensome to those who appreciate the rights.
2. Have you been born again, and are a child of God
3. Are you faithful in your responsibilities?
4. In not, now is the time to respond to the love of God!

Sources: Safe and Secure: Expository Outlines from 1 John & Philippians by Tom Holland.