

The Gospel According to John

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1. Earlier, I taught Joh 10:22-30 by way of an analysis of the *Doctrine of Feast of Dedication*, Jesus's deity declarations, the 23rd Psalm, the *Doctrine of the At Salvation Gifts*, the *Doctrine of Our Blessed Assurance* and the *Doctrine of Eternal Security*.

2. If you want to hear an audio presentation of this lesson please go to *westbankbiblechurch.com* and click on *streaming audio of services*.

3. When time expired last week we were about to study 1Jo 3:4-10.

4. There are even those who contend that 1Jo 3:4-10 teach true believers do not sin. Keep in mind 1Jo 3:4-10 was written by the same man who wrote 1Jo 1:8-10

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1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jo 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

5. The first epistle of John ... is a family letter from the Father to His "little children" who are in the world. The sin of a Christian is treated as a child's offense ... and is dealt with as a family matter." C.I. Scofield

6. Now we are ready to see what we can learn from 1Jo 3:4-10.

6.1 I would warn each of you not think of 1Jo 3:4-10 as a separate book. The eclectic approach to understanding Scripture leads to misinterpretation.

6.2 First John verses four through ten is a small portion of John's last epistle and must be interpreted as part of the entire book, the theme of which is: "You are family of God and as family you are loved. Our Father loves to instruct His little children."

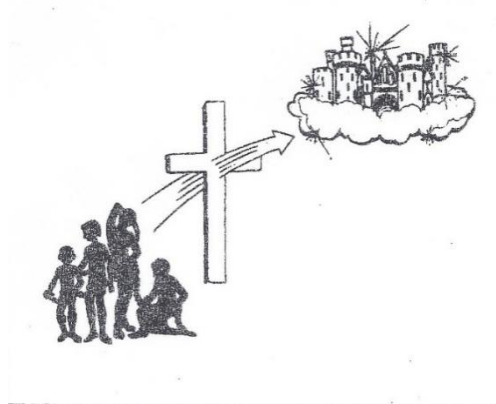
Footnote: See Scofield's quote *supra* paragraph five above.

7. *Let's first answer the question: Why did John write the book.*

1Jo 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

War and the Old Sin Nature

7.1 The first step is to find an object of your faith which has inherent power to save your soul.



7.2 Every believer is a soldier in the battle for control of his very own soul.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members (μελῶν referring to such members as - the arm, leg, hand etc.)

7.3 The problem: Who will control: doctrine or the Old Sin Nature?

7.3.1 It is solely a decision for the believer; will the believer use the grace assets God has provided or will the believer become a casualty in the angelic conflict?

7.4 The chief asset is a new creature:

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

7.5 Hurrah I am saved!

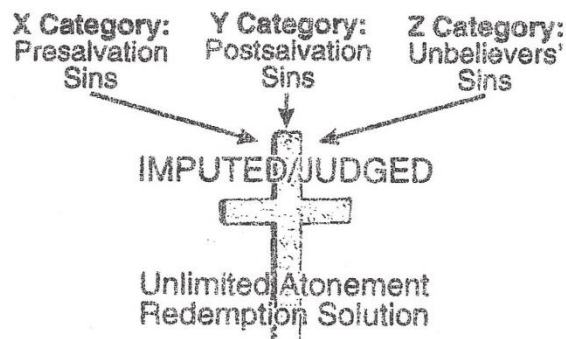
Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

8. *John makes clear all sin was nailed to the cross.*

1Jo 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Sin Is Judged

8.1 Important: Sin is no longer an issue because all sin was judged on the cross. What is the issue? What think you of Christ?



9. *John certainly reminds us of the common phrase used by many "walk the talk."*

1Jo 2:3 We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.

1Jo 2:4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1Jo 2:5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him:

1Jo 2:6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Walking His Way

9.1 The mechanics of walking make for an excellent metaphor. We are to walk in time appropriately because we were called in eternity past to produce divine good.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which **God hath before ordained** that **we should walk** in them.

9.2 We walk as witnesses in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict. Our walk must be a step at a time just as we redeem time on a moment-by-moment basis.

Col 4:5 Walk (**Peripateo**) in wisdom toward them that are without redeeming (**Exagarazo**) the time.

9.3 Like the baby who learns to walk by falling and then catching himself by taking a step, the believer's walk is a process of confession and moving forward in the Christian life; all the while maintaining a positive attitude toward the Word.

9.4 Walking provides a meaningful metaphor for moving forward a step at a time on the road to maturity.

1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk** (**Peripateo**) in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jo 1:7 But if we **walk** (**Peripateo**) in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

9.5 The mechanics of walking are related to the intake of the Word under the filling of the Spirit to avoid the domination of our old sin natures.

Rom 13:13 Let us **walk** (**Peripateo**) honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

10. John makes clear that as a believer we should walk in the light.

1Jo 2:7 Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard.

1Jo 2:8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

1Jo 2:9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.

1Jo 2:10 Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

1Jo 2:11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

Light and Darkness

10.1 Light is necessary for us to function effectively on planet earth.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Gen 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

10.2 Light is used in Scripture for that which brings life. Joh 1:4

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

10.3 There are many uses of light in Scripture: **Phos** is the Greek word for light and it appears some 70 times in the New Testament. Several of those uses are:

10.3.1 As the essence of God. 1Jo 1:5

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

10.3.2 For Jesus came into a world of darkness to save a lost world. Joh 8:12

Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

10.3.3 The good news of the Word is called light. 2Co 4:4

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

10.3.4 At point of regeneration the believer is moved from darkness to light.
1Pe 2:9

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

10.3.5 Light is used to describe doctrine resident in the soul. Eph 5:8;
Psa 119:105

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

10.3.6 Doctrine in the soul of the believer is said to be constructed of the armor of light. Rom 13:12

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

10.4 Light therefor depicts entrance into spiritual maturity. Eph 5:14

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

11. *Christ has overcome the devil and his demons.*

1Jo 2:12 I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

1Jo 2:13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father.

1Jo 2:14 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Lucifer the Ultimate Loser

11.1 Satan's doom is foretold in Mat 25:41 and Rev 20:10.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11.2 Believers are assured of victory over Satan in Rom 16:20

Rom 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

11.3 Satan is described by both Isaiah and Ezekiel. Isa 14:12-20; Eze 28:14-19

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Isa 14:20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

Eze 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Eze 28:18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Eze 28:19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

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