

Lesson 4

1 John 3:1-24

• Questions

1. What did John call these beloved brethren (3:1-2)?

2. Who does the world not know and why (3:1)?

3. What do Christians not know and what do they know (3:2)?

4. What happens when Christians have their hope set on Jesus Christ (3:3)?

5. What is sin (3:4)?

6. Why was Jesus manifested (3:5 and 3:8)?

7. What did John say about whosoever sins (3:6)?

8. What did John say about the following persons?
 - he that does righteousness (3:7) -
 - he that does sin (3:8) -
 - whosoever does no sin (3:9) -
 - whosoever does not righteousness (3:10) -

9. What message was heard from the beginning (3:11)?

10. Why did Cain kill his brother (3:12)?

11. Who hated these brethren (3:13)?

12. How do brethren know that they have passed out of death into life (3:14)?

13. What is a Christian who hates his brother (3:15)?

14. Who is the greatest example of love for brethren (3:16)?

15. How do Christians know love and show love toward their brethren (3:16-18)?

16. How do Christians show that they are of the truth (3:19)?

17. What kind of heart do Christians have who follow the truth (3:19-21)?

18. What is necessary to have answered prayer, to love our brethren, and to abide in God (3:22-24)?

• Digging Deeper

1. What does “lawlessness” (ASV) mean (3:4)?
2. What sin did the devil commit “from the beginning” (3:8)?
3. Does “cannot sin” mean “impossible to sin”, or does it mean something else (3:9)?
4. Where in the OT is the story of Cain killing Abel recorded (3:12)?
5. What does “passed out of death into life” mean (3:14)?
6. How can one be called a murderer who hates his brother (3:15)?
7. Where in the NT did Jesus give the command to love one another (3:23)?

• Applications for Today

1. Christians should act like children of God and be like God and Jesus (3:1-3). Who can be a child of God (Jn. 1:12)? How does one know for sure that he is a child of God (Rom. 8:16)? How are children of God to act (Eph. 5:1; Phil. 2:15)?
2. Christians should not make a habit of sinning, but make a habit of doing righteousness (3:4-10). How are Christians to present themselves each day they live (Rom. 6:13-20)?

3. Hate is found in the world, but it should not be found among brethren (3:10-15). Why does the world hate Christians (Mt. 10:19-22; Lk. 6:22; Jn. 3:20; 15:18-19; 17:14)?

4. Love toward brethren should be displayed in word and in deed (3:16-18). What did James say about a Christian who says he will help his brother but does not actually do it (Jas. 2:15-17)?

5. Christians should live with a heart of assurance and boldness (3:19-21). Where should boldness show up in the life of a Christian (Acts 4:29; Phil. 1:20; Heb. 4:16)?

6. Christians should always strive to keep the commandments of God (3:22-24)? Who does the devil make war against and what is their reward (Rev. 12:17; 14:12-13)?