

Those who are Born of God

A Summary of 1 John
Sermon 16 in the 1 John Series

1. Those Born of God Keep His Commands

A. Which commandments"? 2:3-4

3:24 -- specifically names two commandments.
Believe in Jesus.
Love one another.

Trusting in Him is the only way of salvation.
Believer is the ultimate definition of a Christian.

3:19-20 – LBCF Chapter 18 – Assurance another point here

- 1) There is such a thing as false assurance of salvation.
- 2) Assurance of salvation is not a necessary part of salvation.
- 3) By God's grace most Christians will receive assurance of salvation.

B. Walk in the same way Christ walked -- 2:5-6

“This phrase (i.e. Coram Deo) literally refers to something that takes place in the presence of, or before the face of, God. To live Coram Deo is to live one's entire life in the presence of God, under the authority of God, to the glory of God. To live in the presence of God is to understand that whatever we are doing and wherever we are doing it, we are acting under the gaze of God God is omnipresent. There is no place so remote that we can escape His penetrating gaze.” R.C. Sproul

2. Those Born of God Confess the Son and have the Father 2:23; 4:15; 5:12

3. Those Born of God Love the Brethren 2:8-10; 3:14-15

This finds its greatest expression in the church.

The church is made up of
mature and growing Christians,
weak and strong Christians
lovely and sometimes not so lovely Christians.

4. Those Born of God Love the Father, not the World 2:15-17

This is the change in desires that every true Christian experiences.

That does not negate the struggle of Romans 7.

But – we are not the same as we were before the Holy Spirit changed our heart.

No change – no life.

5. Those Born of God Do not Continually Practice Sin 3:6, 9; 5:18

The Christian knows “conviction” from the Holy Spirit when He sins.

The lost may have a conscience or may simply be glad if they don’t get caught.

6. Those Born of God Have the Holy Spirit 3:24; 4:13; 4:6

7. Those Born of God Overcome the World 5:4-5

God is the author of our faith.

Faith is given and grown by God.

By His grace He gives us faith – then calls it “our” faith.

8. Those Born of God Believe Jesus is the Son of God 5:5, 13, 20

Jesus is the God-Man.

When the Son became flesh (John 1:14) He assumed a human nature, not a human person.

Theologians have called the incarnation of the Son of God the "hypostatic union."

The union of the two natures in the one person means that when we speak about Jesus, we do not say that His human nature did this or His divine nature did that. Rather, we say that Jesus did this or that, according to either His human or divine nature. Paul makes this point at the beginning of Romans: "concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3). From Tabletalk Magazine

Conclusion:

1 John 5:10-12