

**Far As The Curse Is Found (1John 3:4-10)**

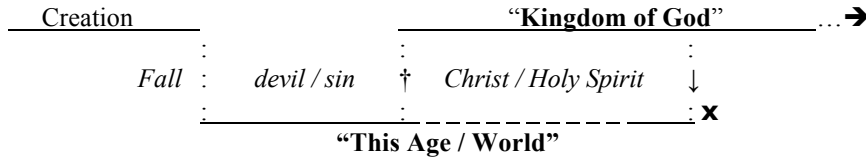
**Introduction:** *The coming kingdom of Christ*

“In the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (Dan 2:44). A king comes *to take away sin*, and to *destroy the work of the devil*.

**1. Christ was manifested: *to take away sin (3:5) & destroy the devil’s work (3:8)***

Did You come to *destroy* us? I know who You are -- the Holy One of God!” (Mark 1:24, see Eph 6:12, Matt 12:29, John 12:31-32).

We are caught between two ages now:



**2. Christ will be manifested: *to judge (2:28) and purify the world (3:2)***

“The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. ... And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire” (Rev 20:10-15).

**3. God’s children are manifested: *now in love and righteousness (3:10), then in glory (3:2)***

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

“Not sin, but opposition to sin, is the ruling principle of his life; for whenever he sins he confesses it, and wins forgiveness, and perseveres with his self-purification. But the habitual sinner does none of these things: sin is his ruling principle. And this could not be the case if he had ever really known Christ” (A. Plummer).

Literary structure of John 3:4-10: those who *sin* (left) are of the *devil* (right)

<sup>4</sup> <b>Whoever commits sin</b> also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.	<sup>8</sup> <b>He who sins</b> is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.
<sup>5</sup> And you know that <b>He was manifested to take away our sins</b> , and in Him there is no sin.	For this purpose the <b>Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.</b>
<sup>6</sup> <b>Whoever abides in Him does not sin.</b> Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.	<sup>9</sup> <b>Whoever has been born of God does not sin</b> , for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.
<sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. <b>He who practices righteousness</b> is righteous, just as He is righteous.	<sup>10</sup> In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: <b>Whoever does not practice righteousness</b> is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

**Application #1: “Let no one deceive you” (3:7).**

**Application #2: “Whoever has been born of God does not sin” (3:9).**