

True Christians Don't Loiter in Sin I John 3:4-10

Introduction:

Matthew 7:13-14 *Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. 14 "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it. 23 I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'*

1. It goes against God's _____ we now love 4

Romans 6:16 *Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? 7 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, 8 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*

Psalms 119:97 *O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day. 163 I hate and despise falsehood, But I love Thy law.*

2. It's opposed to the _____ of Christ 5

Titus 2:14 *who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.*

3. It is inconsistent with a person who knows Christ _____ 6

John 15:5 *I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

4. It clashes with the _____ of Christ 7

Luke 6:43 *For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit; nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. 44 For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush.*

Hebrews 12:14 *Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.*

5. It undermines the purpose of Christ's work _____ the devil 8

6. It's incompatible with anyone _____of God 9

2 Peter 1:3 *..His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.*

7. Because God's true children practice living _____and loving others 10

Matthew 7:20 *you will know them by their fruits*

Conclusion:

1. Turn to _____alone to be Born again

2. Turn from your _____to restore intimacy with Christ