

## THE RIGHT OR WRONG TEST: REALITY CHECK 3

### 1 John 3:4-10

#### Outline

**Introduction:** One of the words eliminated from the politically-correct dictionary of terms is the word “sin.” It is comical to hear how some people have sanitized the meaning of “sin” for today’s sensitive ears. Sin is a funny little three-lettered word in the English language, but it has amazing power to evoke strong feelings from those who want to avoid facing it.

**In John 3:4-10 John tells believers that if we are going to have an authentic relationship with God, we need to confront the destructive issue of sin.**

*“Part of being an authentic Christian with a new life is that we have a new relationship to sin.”*

**How is sin defined? 1 John 3:4, Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.**

#### **Reasons why authentic Christians live a holy life - vs. 6, 9**

1. We have a new relationship with sin because we abide in Christ. **vs. 6, No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.**
2. We have a new relationship with sin because we have a new nature. **vs.9, No one born of God (who has a new nature within) makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed (divine nature) abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God (he is a new creation in Christ).**
3. If a “so-called Christian” continues in a sinful lifestyle, he reveals two things about himself. **vs. 6, No one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.**

#### **Jesus Christ dramatically changed a Christian’s relationship to sin. vs. 5, 8**

Two great accomplishments Christ did for us:

1. Jesus took away our sins. **vs. 5, You know that he (Jesus) appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.**

