

"Who Do You Resemble?"

1 John 2.28 - 3.10

1 John - "Signs of Christian Life"

TODAY - SOPHISTICATED PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING - FIND  
OUT ABOUT SELF

ONE TEST FOR ENGAGED COUPLES - SEE WHETHER  
MARRIAGE WILL LAST

1 JOHN - 3 TESTS - DO YOU KNOW JESUS CHRIST?

MORAL - EXAMINES YOUR BEHAVIOR

SOCIAL - EXAMINES YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

DOCTRINAL - EXAMINES YOUR BELIEFS

SIMPLE TESTS - ANSWER AN ETERNALLY IMPORTANT  
QUESTION

2.28 - 3.10 / SECOND GIVING OF MORAL TEST

2.8 "the darkness is passing"

2.17 "the world and its desires pass away"

2.18 "this is the last hour"

WHAT ABOUT OUR FUTURE? - DETERMINED BY OUR PARENTS

2.28 HE APPEARS: 1) Confident 2) Ashamed

3.10 1) Children of God 2) Children of the devil

## 1. Children of the devil

a. Bad dad 3.8b "sinning from the beginning" John 8.44b  
2 Cor 11.14 Rev 12.9,10

b. Origin 3.8a "he who does what is sinful is of the devil"  
Matt 13.38 John 8.44a Acts 13.10

c. Nature 3.4 "lawlessness" 5.17 Prov 24.9 1 Cor 9.21

DEF. "simply not wanting to do what God says"

MATTER OF THE WILL - WILL NOT DO IT  
AND OF THE HEART - NO DESIRE TO

LITTLE GIRL RIDING IN BACK SEAT OF CAR - STANDING UP

Mother "sit down and put your seat belt on"

GIRL REFUSED - TOLD AGAIN - STILL REFUSED

Mother "I better not have to stop the car"

Š FINALLY GIRL SAT DOWN AND PUT SEAT BELT ON  
MINUTES LATER - GIRL SAID "Mommy I'm still standing up inside"

FOCUS OF PASSAGE (AND SCRIPTURE) NOT ON DEVIL BUT ON  
JESUS

TRAIN EMPLOYEES AT US TREASURY DEPARTMENT LOOK FOR  
COUNTERFEIT \$

SPEND HOURS STUDYING THE REAL THING

KNOW THE REAL THING SO WELL - COUNTERFEIT BECOMES  
OBVIOUS

## 2. Appearances of Christ

### a. Past: Ends Sin 1.2

1) Remove 3.5 Heb 9.28 1 Pet 2.24

**SIN IS THE ROOT / SINS ARE THE FRUIT**

2) Destroy 3.8 Gen 3.15 Luke 10.18 Rom 16.20

**DESTROY** used here **NOT ANNIHILATE**  
 DEF. "make inoperative, or take away its power"

**SERPENTS HEAD IS CRUSHED - STILL DRAGGING ALONE WITH  
 LAST GASPS**

**FOR MANY MONTHS AFTER WW 2 - Japanese troops were found  
 hiding  
 CAVE AND JUNGLES OF PACIFIC ISLANDS - LIKE FRIGHTENED  
 SAVAGES  
 MOST SURRENDERED WHEN THEY LEARNED OF NATION'S  
 DEFEAT**

b. Present: In Us 2.29,3.9 5.1 John 3.3-5

c. Future: Completion 3.2 Matt 5.8 1 Cor 13.12 Rev 22.4

**CHRISTIAN SURROUNDED BY GROUNDS FOR CONFIDENCE IN  
 CHRIST**

**LOOKS BACK** - Calvary where Christ died for us

**LOOKS WITHIN** - Holy Spirit, lives within, teaches us the truth

**LOOKS AROUND** - Church, despite its struggles, growing, moving

World - desperately needing our godly witness

**LOOKS AHEAD** - Return of Christ - "we shall see Him as He is"

### 3. Children of Christ

a. Wonder 3.1 Romans 8.17,19 1 Cor 2.9

b. Righteous 3.6,7,9 1.8,10 John 16.8 Coloss 3.1-3

v. 6 - CHARACTER OF SINNING - KNOWN FOR IT

v. 9 - CONTINUAL SINNING - not the exception but the rule

Š Every Great Bible Character Committed Sin  
Murder &

Noah - Drunk / Moses - Murder / David - Adultery / Paul - Murder

TERRIBLE INCIDENTS - CONTRARY TO NORMAL HABITS -  
REPENTED

PROBLEM: NO REMORSE? NO REPENTANCE?

EVIDENCE OF HOLY SPIRIT IS CONVICTION OF SIN

John 16.8

IMPOSSIBLE: IF GOD'S SEED REMAINS IN HIM

"doing is the test of being"

c. Purifying Hope 3.3 Prov 1.8 Coloss 3.4 Heb 10.23

GROUP YOUNG PEOPLE OUT ONE SATURDAY NIGHT  
ONE SAYS THEY SHOULD DO SOMETHING QUESTIONABLE  
GIRL "take me home, my parents would not approve of that"  
BOY "are you afraid your father would hurt you"  
GIRL "no, I am afraid I would hurt my father"

SLAVE OBEYS BECAUSE OF LAW / CHILD OBEYS BECAUSE OF  
LOVE

Prov 1.8

DON'T WANT TO HURT OUR FATHER

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4. Two Fathers

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a. Two Choices 3.10 2 Cor 7.1 James 4.7-10

SCRIPTURE: DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY AND HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY

"do what is right" // "love his brother"

CHOICE TO LIVE IN SIN WOULD BE TO DENY THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMINGS

b. Two Destinies 2.28 Deut 30.15,19 Matt 7.13,14

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ALL BELIEVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY GOD AT THE COMING OF CHRIST

MUCH BETTER TO BE MORE THAN ACCEPTED - BE CONFIDENT

Little boy who wears good clothes - gets them very dirty  
WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HOME / BUT NOT AS THOUGH HE WAS ACCEPTABLE

Š FILLED WITH GUILT - WILL NOT COME HOME WITH CONFIDENCE

