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HAVE YOU EVER FAILED SOMEONE'S EXPECTATIONS?

Ever enjoyed high expectations from someone?

BELIEVERS OUGHT TO STRIVE TO DO, TO BE THE BEST THAT THEY CAN BE!

Here John would hardly say "Be as much like Christ as you can..."

rather he would urge us [here in this text] to take on Christ's perfect character (even though the ideal is beyond our reach).

Illustration: Sermon on the mount

SO, BECAUSE GOD DID FOR US, AND GAVE ALL FOR US...

It is **impossible** and **unthinkable** that true believers would continue in "devil like" behavior.

So, we should **do** our best, **be** our best for Him!

SIN SHOULD BE THE EXCEPTION, NOT THE RULE, JOHN EXPLAINS BY STATING 4 THINGS:

I. He that is righteous is righteous (v. 7)

A. Is in Christ (v. 6)

B. He will be like the Father (v. 7b) and there is no neutral ground!!

II. He that is sinning is evil (v. 8)

A. Of the devil (*Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:12-17*)

B. The reason Jesus came (v. 8 – purpose)

III. He that is a true believer wins the battles (v. 9)

A. He is born of God (perfect verb)

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works..."

"CHILDREN OF GOD OR CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL?"

I John 3:7-10



For we are HIS workmanship, masterpiece...

Workmanship – Greek word comes from the word poem (lyrics to a song). So Jesus Christ can write, (is writing) the song, the story of your life...

See, if we write our own story – it's empty, meaningless.

If we let God write our story... in whatever vocation, in whatever He calls you to do – it's beautiful!

Make your life His workmanship, beautiful artwork, poem, song.

B. He (who is born of God) has the ability, and will be victorious!

IV. He that is a Child of the devil does not fight the battles (v.10)

A. Shows in their lifestyles (10a)

B. Shows in their love (10b)

CONCLUSION:

- So, evaluate your life...
- Are you saved? Born again?
- Are you in the family of God? Are you righteous?
- If not, you are in the family of the devil. It's either one or the other.