



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion

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1 John 3:4-10

⁴Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin. ⁶No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him.

⁷Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. ⁹No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

Since our lives have been made new, we have a new nature living on the inside. Our desires have changed. It does not mean we become sinless. We are made right in His eyes because of what Jesus did, but still struggle with sin. This is why we need an advocate which is mentioned in chapter 2. But it does mean our attitude towards sin changes. I have heard it put this way: before I became a believer I sinned all I wanted to, now that I have become a believer I still sin all I want to, I just don't want to. Our desires have changed. Anyone who still lives a lifestyle of sin has never come to know Christ. So anyone who has been born of God has the desire in him to follow God's ways. This is because His seed lives in us. We should grow in Him.

Verse 3 teaches us that purification is a process. We should be becoming more and more like Christ. The way this happens is growing in our relationship with Him.

Lord, let today be a day that I know You better than I did yesterday.