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LIVING A LIFE THAT'S "BORN OF GOD"

(1 John 3:1 - 10)

INTRODUCTION

The theme of this lesson is (1 John 1:4) "these things we write to you that your joy may be full" and (3 John v4) "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth"

The intent of the letter is not to tell how to be "born of God;" rather, having been "born of God," **this is how to live the life that's been "born of God."**

John speaks of the need to be "born again" in his gospel: (John 3:1-7 "You must be born again")

The process of being "born again" - 1. Hear (Romans 10:14) 2. Believe (John 8:24)
3. Repent (Luke 13:3, v5) 4. Confess (Acts 8:36-37) 5. Be baptized (Acts 8:38, Acts 2:38, 8:12-13, 9:18 and 22:16, 10:48, 16:14-15, v33, 18:8)

Now, (Romans 6:3-7) (v4) "... we also should walk in newness of life."
(1 John 3:1) "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the children of God."

Here are 6 essential marks of one who has been "born of God" in (1 John).

1. (1 John 2:29) "... you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him"

(v29) "If you know that He is righteous" - Jesus did that which is "right."
(1 Peter 2:22) "Who committed no sin ..."
Note also: (John 4:34, 5:30, 6:38, and Luke 22:42)

"who practices righteousness" - again, not a condition to become a child of God; rather, is evidence that one is living the life of being a child of God.

(Psalm 119:169-172) "... for all Your commandments are righteousness."
We "practice righteousness" by adhering to the word of God.
(John 15:10) "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

2. (1 John 3:9) "Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."

"does not sin" - not habitually sin; not our life-style; not a deliberate action; not living a life that persists in sin; we don't willfully sin nor want to.

"for His seed remains in him" - (Luke 8:11) "the seed is the word of God"
(Psalm 119:11) "Your word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against You"

There is power in knowing the word of God.

"he cannot sin" - not a statement of impossibility; rather, reveals our new life in Him.
When we do sin: (1 John 1:7-10)

3. (1 John 4:7-8) “... and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God ... “

“Beloved, let us love one another ... “ - listed here and in (John 13:34-35)
 “love” - an attitude and action that seeks the best for another.

4. (1 John 5:1) “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God,,
 And everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him”

“believes that Jesus is the Christ” - not a one-time statement of faith; rather, it is a continuous attitude and action of the Christian’s life.

“who loves Him who begot” - it’s the great commandment in (Matthew 22:37-40).
 (1 John 4:19) “We love Him because He first loved us.”

“also loves him who is begotten of Him” - it’s a family obligation!
 It’s brotherly love.

5. (1 John 5:4-5) “For whoever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God”

“our faith” - (Proverbs 3:1) “My son, do not forget My law, but let your heart keep My commands.” (v5) “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding.”

Hymn #469 Faith Is The Victory

6. (1 John 5:18-19) “We know that whoever is born of God does not sin, but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.” (v21) “Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

“keeps himself” - we know the Godhead keeps us; however, we have responsibility or obligation to keep ourselves pure and “abide in Him.”

(James 4:7) “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you”

(James 1:12) “Blessed is the man who endures temptation ... “

“keep yourselves from idols” - keep giving your life and loyalty to God.

“the wicked one does not touch him” - safe in the arms of Jesus (John 10:27-30)

CLOSE: As Jesus said, “You must be born again,” and having done that, “Abide in Him.”