

# TWO FAMILIES

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There are two families: **God's family** and the **devil's family**.

## 1 John 3:4 <sup>4</sup>Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness

Practices sin: The practicing of sin is the **opposite** of practicing of **righteousness**, which **1 John 2:29** identifies everyone born of God.

- sin is lawlessness
- sin is rebellion against God

Practicing sin is characterized by a person who lives **continually** and **habitually** in sin.

- James 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.
- 1 John 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not *leading* to death.
- 1 John 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness
- 1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

## 1 John 3:5 <sup>5</sup>You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.

- John 1:29 The next day he *\*saw* Jesus coming to him and *\*said*, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Jesus appeared to **atone** for the **sin** of the **world**.

- 1 John 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of* the whole world.

Jesus' death on the cross as God's **perfect** and **unblemished** sacrifice, cleanses all the **sins** of His **people**.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

## 1 John 3:6 <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.

Patterns of **repetitive** sins are not indicative of a **child** of **God**.

**1 John 3:7-8 <sup>7</sup>Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; <sup>8</sup>the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.**

- John 8:44 You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**Righteousness** is the **character** of Christ.

**Sin** is the character of the **devil**.

- Luke 11:14-26 <sup>14</sup> And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed. <sup>15</sup> But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." <sup>16</sup> Others, to test *Him*, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup> But He knew their thoughts and said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house *divided* against itself falls. <sup>18</sup> If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup> And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup> When a strong *man*, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed. <sup>22</sup> But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder. <sup>23</sup> He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters. <sup>24</sup> "When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup> And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup> Then it goes and takes *along* seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."

**Jesus** has demonstrated the **power of God** and has **defeated** the devil. To be sure satan still has power, but it is no match to the power of God.

**1 John 3:9 <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.**

- John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."
- John 3:7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

Born of **God** = Born **again**

His seed abides in him = God's **divine nature** remains in the **child of God**.

*"The question is: Have you been born of God? I believe in the security of the believers, but I also believe in the insecurity of the make-believers. It is well for us to take an inventory and to look at our lives. We must examine ourselves and see whether we are in the faith or not. Are you a child of God? Do you long after the things of God? That is the important thing."* J. Vernon McGee

**1 John 3:10 <sup>10</sup> By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.**

- John 15:1-5 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."
- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."