

A Journey Through 1 John (Pt. 4)

1 John 2:1-6

Introduction:

- How can a person become a Christian?
- What is the character of a true Christian?
- In chapter 2, John switches from addressing the c_____ of true fellowship to describing the c_____ of true fellowship.

3 Principles Describing the Character of a Christian:

Principle #1 – A Christian is someone who is not _____ in this life.

- The apostle John realized that even though we may be Christians and love the Lord Jesus, we are still _____ to sin.
 - If we are still susceptible to sin, then how does that make me different from who I was prior to salvation?
 - A.) J_____– Justification is a p_____ truth and it occurs at the moment of s_____.
 - Justification is when God declares us r_____ in His sight.
 - B.) S_____– Sanctification, on the other hand, is when God m_____ us righteous.
 - We are d_____ righteous instantly by the act of justification.
 - We are m_____ righteous daily through the process of sanctification.
- C.) G_____– Glorification is a term that refers to the e_____ state when our practice will perfectly match our position.
- How do we know that we shouldn't use these verses as an excuse for sin?
 - What happens when we do sin?
 - 1.) We are told that Jesus is our A_____.
 - 2.) We are told that Jesus is the p_____ for our sins.

Principle #2 – A Christian is someone who does not live a life of complete d_____.

- The Bible teaches that salvation is not merely an e_____ decision, but rather, in addition, it's a volitional choice that results in a c_____ life.
- Matthew 7:21-23
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- James 2:15-17

Principle #3 – A Christian is someone who can have great assurance regarding eternity.

- Assurance of salvation is not only something that is promised, but it's something that God wants us to experience if we truly belong to Him.
- God knows that the best atmosphere for spiritual growth, and the best atmosphere for spiritual service is the atmosphere of security and assurance.
- When we as Christians make choices to obey the Lord, in turn, He grants us assurance of our salvation.

Conclusion:

- Is your number one aim in life to live like Christ?
- Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ?