

## **A Journey Through 1 John (Part 10)**

### **1 John 3:4-9**

#### **Introduction:**

- How does faith and works relate to salvation?
- Ephesians 2:8-9: The priority of faith.
- James 2:17: The proof of faith.

#### **I. Sin in Relation to Lawlessness (v4)**

- “Whoever commits sin...”
- Two reasons to show that John is not talking about perfection:
  - 1.) John’s statements in 1 John 1:8, 10
  - 2.) The Greek present-tense verbs.
- Lawlessness is to go your own way in life.

#### **II. Sin in Relation to the Work of Christ (v5-7)**

- Jesus died to make us righteous, and to help us live righteously.
- John 1:29
- 1 Peter 2:24
- Those who truly belong to the Lord will manifest in their lives both righteousness and victory over sin because that is the exact reason Christ died to save us.
- Perfection vs. Direction

#### **III. Sin in Relation to the Influence of Satan (v8)**

- Contrast between believers and unbelievers.
  - True believers...
  - Unbelievers...

#### **IV. Sin in Relation to the Ministry of the Holy Spirit (v9)**

- Read v9.
- Physical birth date... Spiritual birth date

#### **Conclusion:**

- 2 Corinthians 13:5