

You Know When It's Real

THE THREE-LETTER WORD—1 John 3:1-10 (NIV)

- **Called Children of God (v.1)**

“Those who believe in Him, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

“If children then heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ!!)
Romans 8:17

“The world did not receive Him.” John 1:11

- **What we will be is not yet known (heavenly bodies). (v.2)**

“We sow a fleshly body and raise a heavenly body.”
1 Corinthians 15:35-49

“We now know in part, then we will fully know.” 1 Corinthians 13:12

“When Christ appears, we will appear with Him in heaven.”
Colossians 3:4

- **Hope in eternal life, when we will be like Him, should drive us to purify our lives. (v.3)**

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.” Titus 2:11-14

- **Practicing Sin (vv.5-6)**

“Why do you call me Lord, Lord! And do not do what I say?”
Luke 6:46

- **Who Leads Us Astray? (v.7)**

“Jesus replied, I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.” John 8:34

“I was blind, but now I see....the battle, the problem, the TRUTH!”
John 9:25

- **Satan Sinning from the Beginning. The Devil Prowls. (v.8)**

- **When we are born of God, we are a new creation and should stop practicing sin!! (v.9)**

“We died to sin.” Romans 6:1-3, 6 **Apothnesko**—of the violent death of man

Spiritual birth (rebirth)—John 3:3, 6

Rebirth through the Holy Spirit—Titus 3:5

Born again of imperishable seed (living and enduring word of God)—1 Peter 1:23

Because His seed in us, we should no longer sin as we are indwelt with the Holy Spirit NOW.

- **Litmus test. Who is of God? Who is of the devil? (v.10)**

“Examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith.”
2 Corinthians 13:5