

1 John 3 - The Experience of Knowing Him

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1 John 3:4-10

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6 **WHOSOEVER ABIDETH IN HIM SINNETH NOT: WHOSOEVER SINNETH HATH NOT SEEN HIM, NEITHER KNOWN HIM.**

ABIDING IN HIM IS THE ACTION - "SINNING NOT" IS THE CONSEQUENCE.

IF ALL OUR FOCUS IS ON SINNING NOT, THEN WE FORGET AND NEGLECT THE MEANS OF GETTING THERE.

THE ONE WHO ABIDES IN CHRIST, DOES NOT SIN:

1. **HABITUALLY** - *righteousness is increasing, sin is decreasing*

2 Corinthians 3:18

*"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **ARE CHANGED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."*

2. **GLADLY** - *with every sinful act, there is remorse, conviction and godly sorrow*

2 Corinthians 7:11

*"For behold this selfsame thing, that **YE SORROWED AFTER A GODLY SORT**, what **carefulness** it wrought in you, yea, what **clearing of yourselves**, yea, what **indignation**, yea, what **fear**, yea, what **vehement desire**, yea, what **zeal**, yea, what **revenge!**"*

3. **INTENTIONALLY** - *by design - sin is a momentary lapse of being overcome by a fleshly appetite, but was not the premeditated plan or motive*

Romans 7:21

*"I find then a law, that, **WHEN I WOULD DO GOOD, EVIL IS PRESENT** with me."*

4. **ULTIMATELY** - *without repentance or recovery - will not remain, cannot remain in sin but is compelled by the indwelling Holy Spirit to repent*

Proverbs 24:16

*"**FOR A JUST MAN FALLETH SEVEN TIMES**, and **RISETH UP AGAIN**: But the wicked shall fall into mischief."*

1 John 3:6

6 **WHOSOEVER ABIDETH** (*stay, abide, continue, to continue to be present, kept continually, to remain as one*) **IN HIM SINNETH NOT: WHOSOEVER SINNETH HATH NOT SEEN** (*to see, to discern clearly by experience, to experience*) **HIM, NEITHER KNOWN** (*ginosko - experiential knowledge*) **HIM.**

The “knowing” that John speaks of is very clearly experiential knowledge, or knowing by experiencing.

To speak of knowing God by “seeing” God increases and intensifies the intimacy of knowing Him.

KNOWING GOD REQUIRES:

- **SELF-AWARENESS** - *not self-absorption, not self-justification, but thoughtful reflection*

Psalms 62:8

*"Trust in him at all times; ye people, **POUR OUT YOUR HEART BEFORE HIM:** God is a refuge for us. Selah."*

- **ARTICULATION** - *we must make the quiet time to express our heart*

Philippians 4:6

*"Be careful for nothing; but **IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION** with thanksgiving **LET YOUR REQUESTS** (petition) **BE MADE KNOWN unto God.**"*

- **GOD-AWARENESS** - *since God is invisible, it will require continual determination to be aware of His presence*

Psalm 46:10

*"**BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD:** I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."*

- **LISTENING** - *we must quiet our soul and our surroundings to hear His still, small voice*

1 John 2:27

*"...as the same anointing **TEACHETH YOU OF ALL THINGS,** and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."*

- **LIFE EXPERIENCE**

Hebrews 5:14

*"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who **BY REASON OF USE HAVE THEIR SENSES EXERCISED** to discern both good and evil."*