

THE PURSUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 John 2:29-3:10

Intro: John Established 3 Tests of True Faith:

1. Doctrinal test: Do you have a biblical view of Jesus?
 - If you don't get Jesus right, *EVERYTHING* else goes wrong.
2. Relational test of Christian love within the church:
 - Do *you* personally foster love and unity in the church?
 - Do you support it with giving, service, and prayer?
3. Moral test: Do you love God's word and desire to obey?

Reasons we should live a life in pursuit of holiness:

1. Our Lord Jesus is _____! (1 John 2:29; Rom 6:1-4)
2. We are God's _____! (1 John 3:1)
3. Children bear resemblance to their _____! (v 2)
4. Those who hope to be like Christ... start _____. (v 3)
5. Delayed obedience is _____. (v 4)
6. One who "practices" sin does not _____ God. (vv 5-6)
7. Our _____ reveal our heart. (vv 7-9) (Matt 15:11,18; 2 Cor 5:17)
8. To whom we belong is _____. (v 10)
 - a. God's children want to pursue holiness.
 - b. Abiding in Christ makes our desire to be like Him grow.
 - c. Jesus came not only to forgive our sins...but to make us like Himself.