

Fellowship with God Who Is Righteous – Part II

I John 3:13-24

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- I. **Review of Last Week – vs. 2:29-4-6**
 - A. The Fact of God's righteousness – v. 29
 - 1. He is righteous
 - 2. They who practice righteousness are born of Him
 - B. Incentives for righteous living vs. 3:1-3
 - 1. The love of God – v. 1a
 - 2. Our Sonship – vs. 1b-2a
 - 3. The return of Christ – vs. 2b-3
 - C. Evidence of righteous living vs. 3:4-12
 - 1. We do not practice sin (negatively stated) – vs. 4-10a
 - 2. We do love our brother -vs. 10b-12
 - 3. We do bear fruit – John 15
- II. **Fellowship with God who Is Righteous – Part II – vs. 13-24**
 - A. Evidence of love for the brethren – vs. 13-18
 - 1. Love, not hate, characterizes our behavior – vs. 13-15
 - 2. Willingness to lay down one's life – v. 16
 - a. John 10:11; 15:13
 - 3. Willingness to meet physical needs – vs. 17, 18
 - a. Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Proverbs 11:24
 - B. Assurances resulting from righteous living – vs. 19-24
 - 1. That we are of the truth – vs. 19, 20
 - a. Romans 8:16, 17; I John 5:13
 - 2. Answered Prayer – vs. 21, 22
 - a. John 16:24; 1 John 5:14, 15
 - 3. That we abide in Him – vs. 23, 24
 - a. If: We love the brethren and keep His commandments
 - 4. Please remember: All believers are secure, but all do not have assurance of their security.
- III. **Remember**
 - A. This is not a test to see if you are a child of God but rather a test of health.
 - 1. John includes himself. Note how he uses “we” over and over again. – vs. 1:6, 7, 8, 9, 10
 - 2. He calls them “my little children” – vs. 2:1, 28; 3:7
 - B. A key word and favorite of John's is “abide”. He uses it in the book of John 17 times and 26 times in I, II and III John. It means yield, trust, be at home with.
 - C. Verse 3:9 is confusing to many. How can John in verse 1:10 say “if we say that we have not sinned we make Him a liar”. (See also verse 1:8). Then say in verse 3:9 “he cannot sin, because he is born of God”.
 - D. Romans 6 and 7 explains this in detail. When I was born again (11-22-60) I received a new nature. Until I die I will have both an old nature and a new nature. My new nature never sins but my old nature does. I, Roger W. Blundel Jr., take and am responsible for all my old nature thinks, says and does. On the other hand, I cannot take credit for what my new nature produces.