



Continuation of the thought in 2:29

"everyone who practices righteousness has been *born of him*" -Rom 8:12-17

John 3:16

The world saw the human Jesus, but didn't recognize him as the Son of God
-Jn 5:36-40; 7:25-31; 16:1-4; 17:25

We do not possess full knowledge of the life that is to come, but we believe in the promise!
-Rom 5:1-2; 8:18

Those who have confidence in the return of the Christ will aim to be like Him in purity and righteousness.
-1Jn 2:6; 3:7, 16; 4:17

Characteristics VS. Criteria

-Keeping God's commandments should *never* be thought of as criteria for earning salvation.

-Think of keeping commandments as characteristics of one who *truly loves & knows God!*

-Remember: *doing God's will* is what *defines one who loves God*, but it will *never* cause us to *earn salvation!*

-Eph 2:8-10

Children of God

Signs one has chosen God as their master...

*Purifies himself (3)

*Does NOT keep on sinning (6, 9)

*Practices righteousness (7, 10)
-1:7; 2:3, 5-6, 29

*Loves his brother (10)
-2:10

Those whose lives are characterized by *love* and *obedience* are God's children

¹ See what kind of love the Father has *given to us*, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Beloved, we are God's children now, and *what we will be* has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Phil 3:17-21

³ And *everyone* who *thus hopes* in him purifies himself as *he is pure*.

⁴ *Everyone* who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; *sin* is lawlessness.

⁵ *You know* that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <<< 1Jn 1:5, 7, 9; 2:1-2; Rom 5:1-2

⁶ *No one* who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

Jn 8:19; 14:7, 9;
1Jn 2:3-6; 3Jn 11

⁷ Little children, *let no one deceive you*. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Little Children...

*John 13:33; 2:1, 12, 28; 3:18; 4:4; 5:21

1Jn 2:26

⁸ *Whoever* makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, *for the devil has been sinning from the beginning*. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Jn 8:44; 1Jn 2:1-2; Heb 10:12

⁹ *No one* born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed *abides in him*, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been *born of God*. << 1Jn 2:24-29

¹⁰ By this it is *evident* who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: *whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother*.

We Know: Study of 1 John (3:1-10)

Know Us / Know Him

*Truly knowing God will transform us! (2:3-6)
-Rom 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be *transformed* by the renewal of your mind..."

*Those of the world have not been through this transformation, so...

*We should not be surprised the world does not know or understand us!

-Jn 15:18-19
-1Co 1:18; 2:14
-1Pe 4:12-19

Remember!

*These early Gnostics claimed what we do in the body doesn't matter since they believed body and spirit never intersect!

*John continues to directly refute this idea by emphasizing that *how we live shows who we truly know and who is our master*.

Practice of Sinning

If one continues with sin as their master, they are declining the payment that Jesus made and the only way to have peace with God
-Rom 6:1-4; 12-23

Children of the Devil

Signs that one has chosen Satan (*sin*) as their master...

*Makes a practice of sinning (4, 6, 8)
-1:6; 2:4

*Does not practice righteousness (10)

*Does not love his brother (10)
-2:9, 11