

Jesus Came

Lesson One • 1 John 3:1-10

To Destroy the Works of the Devil

The Reason the Savior Was Born

Jesus came to DESTROY the works of the Devil.

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:17

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

Christmas Destruction

1. What are the “works of the devil” Jesus came to destroy? The works are SIN.

The Reality of Sin

- The scope of sin is UNIVERSAL.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8

- The character of sin is LAWLESSNESS.

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 1 John 3:4

- The origin of sin is the DEVIL.

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning... 1 John 3:8

“You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” ~Jesus, John 8:44 ESV

2. How did Jesus destroy the devil's works? By becoming the atoning SACRIFICE for our sins.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2 NIV

3. How do we participate in Jesus' victory over sin? By BELIEVING in Jesus.

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:4-5

The Result of Believing in Jesus

- Our BELIEF in Jesus makes persistent sin inconceivable.

Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. 1 John 3:6

- Our NEW BIRTH in Jesus makes persistent sin impossible.

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. 1 John 3:9

Christmas Option

We are either children of the DEVIL or we are children of GOD.

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. 1 John 3:10

Christmas Anticipation

Jesus is COMING back.

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 1 John 2:28

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 1 John 3:2-3