

# **1 John 3.4-12**

## **Abiding in Christ**

# Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## 1 John 3.4

**Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.**

## 1 John 3.5

And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

## 1 John 3.6

Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

## 1 John 3.7

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

## 1 John 3.8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

## 1 John 3.9

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 3.10

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 3.11

For this is the message that  
you heard from the beginning,  
that we should love one  
another,

## 1 John 3.12

not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

**Questions?**  
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