

The True Children of God are OBVIOUS.

Matthew 1:20-21 **20** But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from (APO-away from) their SINS."

1 John 2:29 - 3:24 **29** If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who **PRACTICES** righteousness is born of Him.

Read: **1 Peter 1:14-23**

1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, (why? BECAUSE they/we are the ones practicing righteousness) and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. **3** And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

4 Everyone who **PRACTICES** sin also **PRACTICES** lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. **VERSE 3!** **6** No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.

7 Little children, make sure no one **DECEIVES** you; the one who **PRACTICES** righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

8 the one who **PRACTICES** sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

9 No one who is born of God **PRACTICES** sin, because His seed abides **IN HIM** (v6); and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 By this (v:9 the practicing of righteousness) the children of God and the children of the devil are **OBVIOUS**: anyone who does not **PRACTICE** righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother. **11** For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; **12** not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

John 8:34-40 **34** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. **35** The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. **36** So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. **37** I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet YOU seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. **38** I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also DO the things which you heard from your father." **39** They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus *said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, DO, the DEEDS of Abraham. **40** But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not DO.

2 Corinthians 5:10.

1 John 3:13 Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed out of death into life, Because we love the brethren. He who DOES NOT love abides in death.

15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. **16** We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. **17** But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? **18** Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. **19** We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him **20** in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. **21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; **22** and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and DO the things that are pleasing in His sight.

23 This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

24 The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John 4:20-21 **20** If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. **21** And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.