

1 John Lesson 55 Outline

“Our Incompatibility With Sin” 1 John 3:4-10

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**How can you tell a Christian from a non-Christian?
Anyone who doesn't practice righteousness is not of
God, nor the one who does not love his brother.**

**There is a toxic pollution of the evangelical soil and
evangelical ground water, if you will, as it relates to the
matter of _____ and, in particular, the
relationship between a true Christian and _____.**

There are many false evangelical teachings today:

- **No turning from sin is required for salvation.**
- **A true Christian can completely cease believing
and, therefore, can commit the ongoing great sin of
willful unbelief and still be a Christian.**
- **Christians may fall into a state of lifelong carnality.**
- **Disobedience and prolonged sin are no reason to
doubt one's salvation.**
- **Genuine believers might even cease to name the
name of Christ or confess Christianity at all.**

**Many people who are victimized by this kind of teaching
just ignore the _____.**

**This letter, more than any other, is the _____
to the destruction pollution in the soil of evangelicalism.**

With the Gnostics' you could have a wrong view of the Trinity, and you were still okay because you had the secret esoteric, elevated, exalted, _____ knowledge.

Wrong doctrine equals _____.

The Apostle John is very concerned about these doctrinal tests in 1st John.

And not only is one's doctrine a critical test of their Christianity, but so is one's _____.

The immediate aim of this epistle is to lay down the tests by which someone's spiritual condition can be determined.

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So, there are two categories given for those who are a true Christian. One is the test of practicing righteousness, the other is the test of loving his brother.

They practice righteousness and they love.

Other scriptures cited: 1 John 4:2, 1:6, 8, 10; 1 John 2, 2:4, 3:10; 1 John 1; 1 John 2