

Real Change: Conversion

Lesson 5 - What are the fruits of this change? (Part 1)

Discussion Questions:

1. What has God made us in Christ? What does this show us about God? V 1-2

2. What does John mean when he says that "what we will be has not yet appeared" V2

3. What does "everyone who thus hopes in him" do (V3)? Why? What does this look like practically? Give examples.

4. Why did Jesus "appear," that is, come to earth (V 5, 8)

5. According to John, people who habitually practice sin:
 - Also practice _____ (V 4)
 - Have neither _____ nor _____ Jesus (V 6)
 - Are of _____ (V 8)
 - Are not _____ (V 10)

How would you summarize John's teaching about those who consistently live in sin? Are such people born again?

6. Why do you think John warns his readers "Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous." (V7)?

7. According to John, everyone who is truly born again:

- _____ himself (V 3)
- Doesn't _____ (V 6)
- Practices _____ (V 7)
- Does not and cannot _____ of sinning (V 9)

How would you summarize John's teaching about those who have truly been born again?

8. Why is it that no one who is born of God makes a practice of sinning? (V 9)? What does this mean?