

We Are Not a Christian If We Enjoy Sin

1 John 3:1–24 (NIV) — **(1)** How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **(2)** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **(3)** Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. **(4)** Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **(5)** But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **(6)** No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. **(7)** Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **(8)** He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. **(9)** No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. **(10)** This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. **(11)** This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. **(12)** Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous. **(13)** Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. **(14)** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. **(15)** Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. **(16)** This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. **(17)** If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? **(18)** Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. **(19)** This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence **(20)** whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **(21)** Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God **(22)** and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. **(23)** And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. **(24)** Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

- I) **What Jersey Are You _____**
- II) **In Reality There Are Only Two _____ Or Two _____**
- III) **We Do What We _____**
- IV) **Sin Is Satan’s Brand For Satan’s _____**

John 8:44 (NIV) — (44) You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

V) Sin's Power over God's Children Is _____

Romans 6:6 (NIV) — (6) For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

VI) We Have A New _____

Galatians 5:22–24 (NIV) — (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **(23)** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **(24)** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NIV) — (9) Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders **(10)** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19–21 (NIV) — (19) The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; **(20)** idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions **(21)** and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Did you notice that each one of those passages specifically advises you and me to not ignore its warning? Paul knows us pretty well. He's concerned that we will be deceived, or will let someone else convince us otherwise, or will forget his admonishment. Our hearts oftentimes want to make excuses and pretend that none of this is true. So these passages are meant to be flashing red lights: "Don't go this way!" Sin is incompatible with the Christian's new identity. Sinners will not inherit God's kingdom.

VII) We Have A Great _____

Acts 1:9–11 (NIV) — (9) After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. **(10)** They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. **(11)** "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Hebrews 9:28 (NIV) — (28) so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.