

## 1 JOHN 3

See <sup>y</sup>what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called <sup>z</sup>children of God; and so we are. The reason why <sup>a</sup>the world does not know us is that <sup>b</sup>it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are <sup>z</sup>God's children <sup>c</sup>now, and what we will be <sup>d</sup>has not yet appeared; but we know that <sup>e</sup>when he appears <sup>f</sup>we shall be like him, because <sup>g</sup>we shall see him as he is. **3** And everyone who <sup>h</sup>thus hopes in him <sup>i</sup>purifies himself as he is pure.

**4** Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; <sup>j</sup>sin is lawlessness.

**5** You know that <sup>k</sup>he appeared in order to <sup>l</sup>take away sins, and <sup>m</sup>in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; <sup>n</sup>no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, <sup>o</sup>let no one deceive you. <sup>p</sup>Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. **8** <sup>q</sup>Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was <sup>r</sup>to destroy the works of the devil. **9** <sup>s</sup>No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's <sup>2</sup>seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. **10** By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, <sup>t</sup>nor is the one who <sup>u</sup>does not love his brother.

### Love One Another

**11** For <sup>v</sup>this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, <sup>w</sup>that we should love one another. **12** We should not be like <sup>x</sup>Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? <sup>y</sup>Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. **13** Do not be surprised, brothers, <sup>3</sup> <sup>z</sup>that the world hates you. **14** We know that <sup>a</sup>we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. **15** <sup>b</sup>Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that <sup>c</sup>no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

**16** By this we know love, that <sup>d</sup>he laid down his life for us, and <sup>e</sup>we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. **17** But <sup>f</sup>if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet <sup>g</sup>closes his heart against him, <sup>h</sup>how does God's love abide in him? **18** Little children, let us not <sup>i</sup>love in word or talk but in deed and <sup>j</sup>in truth.

**19** By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; **20** for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. **21** Beloved, <sup>k</sup>if our heart does not condemn us, <sup>l</sup>we have confidence before God; **22** and <sup>m</sup>whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and <sup>n</sup>do what pleases him. **23** And this is his commandment, <sup>o</sup>that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and <sup>p</sup>love one another, <sup>q</sup>just as he has commanded us. **24** <sup>r</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, <sup>4</sup> and God <sup>5</sup>in him. And <sup>s</sup>by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.