Why Do Christians Sin

Tony Mauck · 1 John 3:1–10

INTRODUCTION

- Are there certain passages of Scripture that make you just a little bit uncomfortable?
- Children of God, hope fixed on him, what's the result of that in our life? We purify ourselves. That's an ongoing process of removing impurity.
- No one who is born of God practices sin. Because his seed abides in him.

1 Born of God Means a Decisive Break From Sinning

Romans 8:13; Colossians 1:27

- The child of God continually pursues the ongoing task of personal purity in the likeness of Christ.
- Christ's purpose was not to leave us in our sin, but to remove sin from our lives.
- Being born of God means a decisive break from sinning. There is a conscious effort to defeat sin in our lives.
- And this break is made possible by his seed abiding in us.
- God would desire perfect performance from us. But he realizes our struggles in this regard. But he wants our sincere effort toward it.

2 John Is Answering Gnosticism

1 John 1:7–9; 1 John 2:1–2; James 1:21

- The Gnostic would promote sin and say, what you do in the flesh doesn't affect your spirit.
- What John is saying in 1 John is sin is very relevant.
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- If anyone sins, we have an advocate. With the Father Jesus Christ the righteous.

3 Satan Can Take Advantage of Us

2 Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 4:27; 2 Corinthians 11:3

- This well-oiled machinery that the devil has going on in the world around us, that can affect us. Satan can take advantage of us.
- Do not give the devil a place. Do not give the devil an opportunity.
- One of the things that happens is we get absolutely oblivious to the presence of the devil. We don't see his attacks as personal.
- This is what the devil is really good at making bad things look good.
- It's little compromises that he's wanting us to make.

4 We Take Advantage of Ourselves

Ephesians 5:17

- Sometimes the guilty party is us. We take advantage of ourselves.
- Whenever you reject God's way for your life, you're always getting less.
- Where are our spiritual alarms? They need to be going off. And God built us with one internally.
- That's your conscience. It's the soul's automated warning system.

5 We Fail to Take Advantage of God's Blessings

1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 8:24; Psalm 119:11

- He has put some things in play to help us in our battle against sin.
- Intimacy with God, the seed of God abiding in us. This relationship is the key.
- It's when we lose sight of the prize that we get vulnerable.
- Thy words have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- All of the emphasis that we see on our brothers loving one another and serving one another, that's part of God's solution to our problems with selfishness and sin.

THE CHALLENGE

Is God's word abiding in you? Have you set yourself to the task of pursuing righteousness with the people of God?

MY NOTES