

Are You Doing What God Wants? (1 John)

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➤ Intro:

- **illus.:** talking with Beth, joking I don't have any faults

- all Christians have faults, not perfect - how saved – faults?

- **lesson:** Are You Doing What God Wants? – **as a faithful Christian, you are!**

➤ You are walking in the Light, as a faithful Christian, so you're doing what God wants!

- **1 Jn. 1:7 (SR)** walk in the Light, cleansed from all sin by Jesus' blood – doing what God wants

- vs. 3 fellowship with apostles, Father and Son, obey word, walk in Light, cleansed

- **illus.:** boy, sleeping in living room because company visiting, got up in middle of night, bathroom, couldn't find way out of living room, laid back down till daylight, then could see to go to bathroom

➤ - Jesus is the Light, see to go to heaven – without Him not know way, can't get there

- **Jn. 8:12 (Jesus)** Light of the world, not walk in the darkness, Light of life.”

- **Jn. 14:6 (Jesus)** “way, truth, life

➤ - You practice the truth: walking in the Light you practice truth and righteousness, not practice sin and lawlessness – doing what God wants

➤ - **PP - 1 Jn. 1:6; 2:29; 3:4 either or** – practice. . . . or practice. . . .

➤ - **1 Jn. 3:7-8, 9-10 you're born of God, practice righteousness, not child of the devil**

➤ - **1 Jn. 1:8-10 – 1 Jn. 3:4 you sin** (make mistakes), **but do not practice sin** (habitual way of life)

- sin: repent, confess, pray, blood of Jesus cleanses you

- you are doing what God wants

- **illus.:** parent, child, know will make mistakes, wants child to correct mistakes and learn from

- **You know Jesus**, as a faithful Christian, so you're doing what God wants!
 - **1 Jn. 2:3-4** you know Jesus, because you keep God's commandments – doing what God wants
 - **illus.: people, religion, know God if receive Jesus** by saying a prayer of faith
 - **knowing Jesus is not doing something He doesn't command, but doing what He commands**
 - **What does it mean to "know" Jesus?** – fighting Gnostic doctrines, truly knowing Christ is having a "proper" relationship with Him, obey as your Lord, saved
 - **illus.:** two employees, one knew boss other didn't
 - employee who didn't know boss stole \$1k, tried to get the other employee to do it also, said if got caught boss not do anything
 - employee stole \$, fired, prosecuted, jailed
 - other employee not steal, knew what would happen
 - one employee knew his boss, submitted himself to be in right relationship, other did not
 - **you know Jesus, because submit yourself to Him, to be in proper relationship – obey as Lord**
- - **1 Jn. 2:10-11** you know Jesus: **walk in light, not darkness**, you know where you're going
- - **1 Jn. 2:20-21** you know the truth: obey and saved (**1 Pet. 1:22** obey truth, purify soul)
- - **1 Jn. 4:6** because know God, and listen to the apostles (word)
- - **1 Jn. 3:6** you know Jesus: **you don't abide in sin** – doing what God wants

- **God's love has been perfected in you, as a faithful Christian, so you're doing what God wants!**
 - **1 Jn. 2:4-6** God's love perfected in you: keep commandments, word
 - vs. 6 in Jesus, walk as He walked, live as He lived
 - Jesus gave His life, serve God, to save us, we will do same – love God, brethren
 - - **illus.: 1 Jn. 2:10-11** love, light / hate, darkness
 - - **illus.: 1 Jn. 2:15-17** love God, not world – lust eye, lust flesh, boastful pride of life
- - **1 Jn. 3:1-3** you are God's child: hope, be like Him, so purify self (obey, fellowship, love) – doing what God wants
- - **1 Jn. 3:14** you know you have eternal life: love, God and brethren – doing what God wants
- - **1 Jn. 3:17-19** your heart is assured before God (**persuaded, confident in your salvation**): love brethren, sharing and doing good – doing what God wants
 - - **1 Jn. 3:23-24** confidence in salvation: believe in name, love, keep commandments, He abides in us
 - - **1 Jn. 4:17-18** confidence, judgment, salvation, not fear – doing what God wants
- **Since God's love has been perfected in you, you know. . . . – quick PP review**
 - **1 Jn. 5:13** know have eternal life - joy is full (**1 Jn. 1:4**)
 - - **1 Jn. 5:15** know God hears your prayers – if He hears, He will answer
 - - **1 Jn. 5:18** know God keeps you from the evil one, Satan can't touch you
 - - **1 Jn. 5:19** know you are of God, and the world lies in the power of Satan
 - - **1 Jn. 5:20** know Jesus has come, and given you understanding so you may know Him, and that you're in Him who is true (Jesus Christ), which is eternal life
 - - **You know you are doing what God wants!** – walking in the Light, know Jesus, love of God perfected in you

Inv. – You Are Doing What God Wants

- **1 Jn. 5:1-5, 13** summary
- **inv.** you can purify yourself today, so you'll be like Jesus when He comes (1 Jn. 3:1-3) – begin doing what God wants