

## **CHAPTER 3, The First Epistle of John**

John describes God's wonderful love for us, how hope as His children should motivate us to pure lives. Righteous living should be expected when we know what sin is, that Christ came to destroy it, and that one truly born of God will not persist in sin (**v1-9**). True righteousness includes loving one another, even as Christ loved us, which in turn gives us confidence and assurance that we are abiding in Him and are of the truth (**v10-24**).

### **THINGS TO CONSIDER IN THIS CHAPTER**

- \* God's love for us, and our love for one another
- \* The definition of sin, and the meaning of "does not sin" (**v6,9**)
- \* The outworking of love, and the assurance it gives of our salvation

### **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1) What are the main points of this chapter?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What should motivate us to live pure lives? (v2-3)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) How is sin defined by John? (v4)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What is true of one who abides in Jesus? Who has been born of God? (v6, 9)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What distinguishes children of God from children of the devil? (v10)**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) What serves as evidence that we have passed from death to life? (v14)**

**7) How do we know what true love is? How then should we love? (v16-18)**

**8) What gives us assurance and confidence that we are of the truth? (v19-23)**

**9) How can we know that He abides in us and we in Him? (v24)**