

Introduction :

The first two chapters focused on *fellowship*, the final three chapters will emphasize *sonship*. A true Christian is *born of God* and will *abide* in Christ and manifest *righteousness*. The Apostle John opens this chapter with three reasons for righteous, holy living.

I. The Father Loves us

v 1 - 3

- v 1 *sons of God* (8x in 4 NT bk) John 1:12 Rom 8:14, 19 1 John 3:1-2 **Phil 2:15**
children of God (9x in 6 NT bk) **Luke 20:36 Gal 3:26**
children of Israel (586x in 25 OT bk) *sons of Israel* (4x in 3 OT bk)
1Chr 28:1 2Chr 13:5 Eze 44:15 **Hos 1:10**
- v 2 *he shall appear* - **1 Timothy 6:14, Titus 2:13**
- v 3 *this hope . . . purifieth* - **2 Corinthians 7:1**

II. The Son Died for us

v 4 - 8

- v 4 sin defined : *the transgression of the law* cf - **1 John 5:17**
Christ's Mission
- v 5 (1) the sinless sin-bearer **Hebrews 4:15, John 1:29, Isaiah 53:5-6, 12**
- v 8 (2) to *destroy the works of the devil* **Hebrews 2:9, 14-15**
- v 6-7 Our 'manner of love' (v1) toward our Saviour's sacrifice is *abiding in him* (v6).
This is how we *doeth righteousness* (v7).

III. The Spirit Lives in us

v 9 - 10

- v 9 *God's seed remaineth* **John 14:16-17 Romans 8:9-14**