

# **Dealing with our Sin**

## **1 John 3:4-6**

### **1. The Believer's POSITION (vs. 1-3)**

#### **“Children of God...”**

- Commencement – “Now”
- Continuation – “Not yet”
- Consummation – “Shall be”

### **2. The Believer's PRACTICE (vs. 4-6)**

#### **How does John define Sin?**

- Our Problem – “Lawlessness?” (vs. 4)
- The Law – system or standard?
- God's Provision – “our sins taken away...” (vs. 5, John 1:29)
- Our Practice – “Live in him... Abide?” (vs. 6)

**If Jesus came to take away “our sins”, why is Sin a present reality that we still have to deal with?**

## **The Destruction of the Devil's work... (vs. 7, 8)**

- *Destroy – “to render in operative...”*

## **The “Duality” of the Believer's Nature:**

- Our “Old” nature in Adam (Rom. 5:12; Gal. 5:16-18)
- Our “New” nature in Christ (Rom. 8:5; 1 Cor. 5:17)

## **How do we overcome our “old” nature?**

- Spiritual feeding - “eat” right... (Matt. 4:4)
- Spiritual cleansing – confession (1 Jn. 1:9)
- Spiritual exercise - service (1 Peter 4:10)

## **3. The Believer's Divine Deposit... (vs.9, 10)**

- God's SEED... (vs. 9)
- The Believer's “birthmark” (vs. 10)
  - Doing what is RIGHT
  - LOVE our brothers and Sisters