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1 John 3:4-5 **Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.**

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► What does it mean to “commit” sin?
► What is lawlessness?
► For what 2 reasons did Jesus die on the cross?
► Is there a difference between sin and sins in these 2 verses?

1 John 3:4-5

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1 John 3:6-7 **Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.**

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- ▶ How can you tell a true believer from a non-believer?
- ▶ What keeps a true believer from sinning?
- ▶ Is it possible to have habitual sin and salvation?
- ▶ What is the definition of righteousness?
- ▶ Why do we practice righteousness?

1 John
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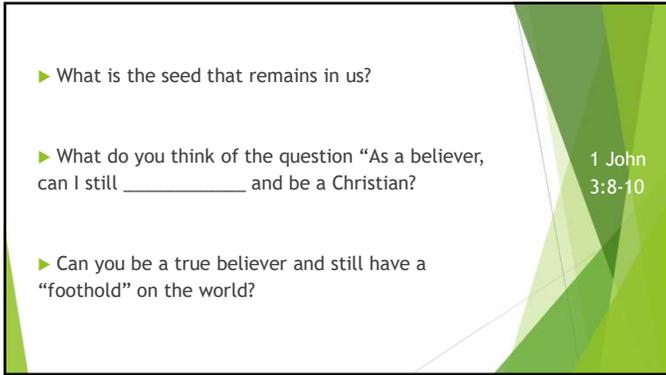
1 John 3:8-10 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

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- ▶ What does it mean that Satan sinned from the beginning?
- ▶ What does it mean to destroy the works of the devil?
- ▶ How can 1 John 1:8-10 say we must admit to our sin or we are a liar and then in 1 John 3:6,9 say a believer cannot sin?

1 John
3:8-10

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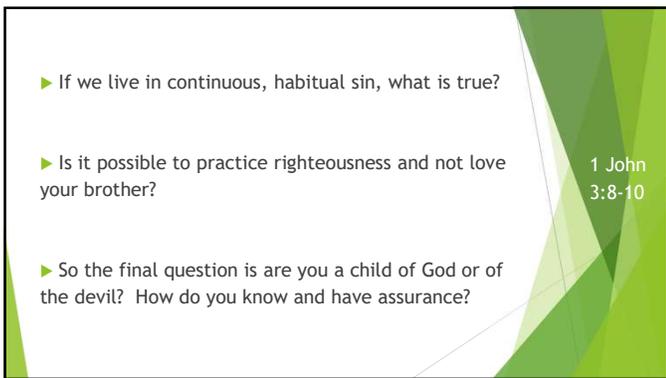
► What is the seed that remains in us?

► What do you think of the question “As a believer, can I still _____ and be a Christian?”

► Can you be a true believer and still have a “foothold” on the world?

1 John 3:8-10

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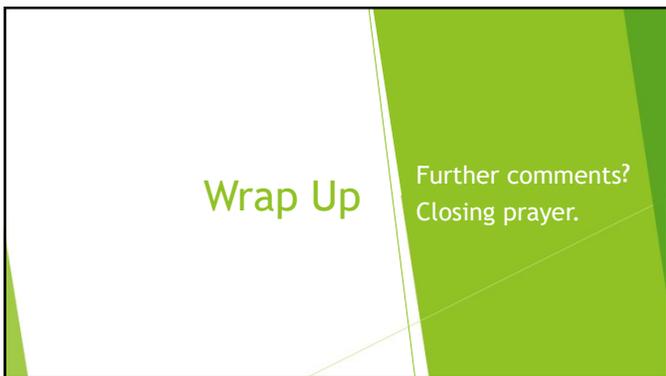
► If we live in continuous, habitual sin, what is true?

► Is it possible to practice righteousness and not love your brother?

► So the final question is are you a child of God or of the devil? How do you know and have assurance?

1 John 3:8-10

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Wrap Up

Further comments?
Closing prayer.

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