

Two Fathers, Two Lifestyles 1 John 2:29-3:10

Main Idea: Practice righteousness and you act like your father God; practice sin and you act like your father Satan.

⁶No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. 1 John 3:6 (NASB)

⁹No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 1 John 3:9 (NASB)

I. The Meaning of the Passage

A. Two Key Figures of speech- “children of” and “born of”

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13 (NASB)

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7 (NASB)

¹Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him. 1 John 5:1 (NASB)

⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 1 John 5:4 (NASB)

¹⁸We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. 1 John 5:18 (NASB)

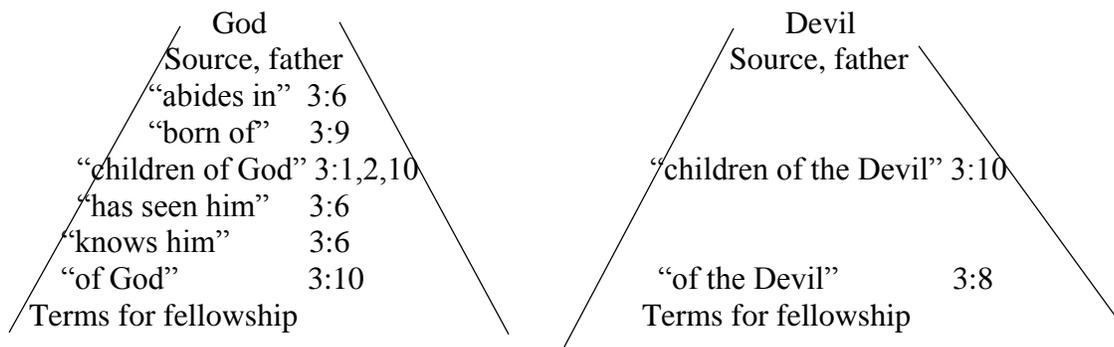
⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷"Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸"The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:5-8 (NASB)

³²John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. ³³"I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'

³⁴"I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God." John 1:32-34 (NASB)

¹⁶ After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, ¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." Matthew 3:16-17 (NASB)

B. Our behavior reveals which father we are fellowshiping with at the moment.



With whom do you fellowship?

II. Comments on the passage.

III. What should it mean that God has adopted you into his family?