

problem:

Facebook hacked
 imposters are everywhere - video

2 timothy 3:1-9 - imposters in the church can lead you away through false fellowship

CPT:

let no one deceive you
 (3:7) not about your assurance of your own salvation - but your assurance of your real family IN Christ

Main Idea:

Children of God practice righteousness
 Children of Satan practice rebellion
 Let no one deceive you

Implication:

why does it matter?

1 Pet 1:14-16 we are called to be a holy family
 1 Pet 2:1-5 we are called to be a holy priesthood
 1 Pet 2:9a we are called to be a holy nation
 1 Pet 2:9b-10 we are called to be a holy proclamation

Application:

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Text:**Children of God practice righteousness**

1John 2:29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who **practices righteousness** has been **born of him (perfect passive)**.

1John 3:1 ¶ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called **children of God**; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1John 3:2 Beloved, we are **God's children** now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1John 3:3 And **everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.**

(29) righteous because born of Him- John 1:9-13; 1 Pet 1:3-9

- what does it look like to practice righteousness? Col 3:1-4:1- our aim

- sin is out of character - not impossible but "thats not like him"

(3:2-3) righteous to be like Him- 2 Cor 3:18; Rom 8:17, 29-30 - we have a new aim

We are free from sin's penalty (justification) in Christ, yet we still struggle with its power (progressive sanctification) and one day we will be free of its presence (glorification)

Children of Satan practice rebellion

1John 3:4 ¶ Everyone who makes a **practice** of **sinning** also **practices lawlessness**; **sin** is lawlessness.

1John 3:5 You know that he appeared in order to take away **sins**, and in him there is no **sin**.

1John 3:6 No one who abides in him **keeps on sinning**; no one who **keeps on sinning** has either seen him or known him (both in perfect tense).

1John 3:7 **Little children**, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

1John 3:8 Whoever makes a **practice** of **sinning** is of the devil, for the devil has been **sinning** from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

1John 3:9 No one **born of God** (perfect passive) makes a **practice** of sinning, for God's seed (Word) abides in him, and he cannot **keep on sinning** because he has been **born of God**.

(4) *lawlessness* - 1 John 2:18-28 - *antichrist or anointed (lawlessness is rebellion - 2 Thess 2:3)*

-*what does it look like to practice lawlessness/sin? Gal 5:19-21*

(8) *of the devil = same nature of the devil = father is devil - (eph 2:1-3)*

our actions reveal us- John 8:37-47

we think our actions define us

- if you lie you become a liar if you commit adultery you become an adulterer -

- you lie because you are a liar you commit adultery because you are an adulterer

(9) *contrast the assured confession of 1 John 1:8-2:2 with the presumptions rebellion of 1 Cor 5*

(9) *seed - Word of God - 1 Pet 1:22-23*

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1John 3:10 By this it is evident who are the **children of God**, and who are the **children of the devil**: whoever does not **practice** righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

evident - do not be deceived 3:7

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Articles for further study:

<http://founders.org/fj73/church-purity-a-baptist-insight/>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/fake-Christians.html>