

SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLORS

(1 John 3:11-18) pt 2

I. THE BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP (1 John 1:1-2:27)... the essence of enjoying fellowship with God is learning to Abide In God's _____ .

II. THE BEHAVIOR OF SONSHIP (1 John 2:28-5:21)... here the essence is learning to Abide in God's _____ .

- **How can believers show their true colors?** (review)

1. Those who _____ in their living indicate they are _____ of God (2:29)
2. By _____ ourselves practically in the sanctification process, just as He is _____ (3:3)
3. Whoever habitually _____ in Christ doesn't keep on _____ sin as a way of life (3:6a)
4. Those who keep on practicing sin as a lifestyle, John says, they have not _____ God or _____ God (perfect, active, indicatives) (3:6b)
5. Those who are born of God _____ keep on practicing sin! (3:9a)

Why not? (3:9)

6. By showing ones true colors, all will _____ whose child you are (3:10)

a. John begins this section ... by negatively stating:

- 1) who ever does not practice _____ is not of God (2:29-3:9)
- 2) nor is he who does not _____ his brother (cf 2:5)

b. John continues this section by positively stating in 3:11.... *For this is the _____ you have heard from the beginning—that we should _____!*

- What message was that? (cf 3:16)

- Where else is this stated?

1 John 4:7-12

1 John 4:20-21

Mt. 22:34-ff

John 13:34-35; Romans 8:1-4; 13:8-10; 5:5

Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 12:9-18; Colossians 3:12-17

1 Peter 1:22 & 4:8

c. John's *illustration* of how not to love one another (1 John 3:12)... "not as _____ who was of the _____"

Gen 4:1-10

* What can we learn from Cain as an example of how not to love one another ?