

## IT'S REAL—4

### *“It’s Real Because it has STANDARDS”*

1 John 2:3-11

Introduction. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Note the important STANDARDS or “*weights and measurements*” that support the believer’s assurance of salvation:

#### I. FIRST, THERE IS THE BALANCE BETWEEN OBEDIENCE AND DISOBEDIENCE (1 John 2:3-5).

A. First, there is the obedience side of the scale (2:3).

B. Secondly, look at the disobedience side of the scale (2:3-4).

1. First, consider the claim (2:3a). “*He that saith, I know him . . .*”
2. Secondly, note the conduct (2:4b) “. . . *and keepeth not his commandments . . .*”
3. Thirdly, notice the condemnation (2:4c) “. . . *is liar, and the truth is not in him.*”
4. Fourthly, see the contrast (2:5) “*But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected; hereby know we that we are in him.*”

#### II. SECONDLY, THERE IS THE BALANCE BETWEEN IMITATING THE DEVIL OR IMITATING CHRIST (1 John 2:6).

A. First, notice the claim (2:6a) “*He that saith he abideth in him . . .*”

B. Secondly, note the conduct (2:6b) “. . . *ought to also so to walk . . .*”

C. Thirdly, consider the copy (2:6c) “. . . *even as he walked.*”

#### III. THIRDLY, THERE IS THE BALANCE BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ AND HATE (1 John 2:7-11).

A. First, note the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9a) “*He that saith he is in the light . . .*”

B. Secondly, notice the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9b, 11b). “. . . *and hatheth his brother . . . and walketh in darkness . . .*”

C. Thirdly, consider the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9c, 11c) “. . . *is in darkness even unto now . . . and is in darkness . . . and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that blindness hath blinded his eyes.*”

D. Fourthly, see the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:10-11).

1. First, notice this person’s \_\_\_\_\_ (2:10).

2. Secondly, consider this person's \_\_\_\_\_  
(2:11).

**CONCLUSION:** It doesn't matter how old you are or how long you have been saved, there never comes a time when you cannot sit down with the Apostle John in a spiritual family meeting and hear him review some basic standards of performance in the life of a believer. Let's take a look at some of them:

1. **First, behave like a \_\_\_\_\_ of the family.**
2. **Secondly, no matter what you \_\_\_\_\_, your actions always tell the truth.**
3. **Thirdly, always remember that \_\_\_\_\_ reveals how much you respect your Father,**
4. **Fourthly, \_\_\_\_\_ your brothers and sisters in Christ.**