

## IT'S REAL—7

### *It's REAL because it SHOWS our SIN or STATUS*

1 John 3:4-10

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The Apostle holds us a “spiritual mirror” in our “spiritual faces” and SHOWS us our SIN or STATUS

#### **I. FIRST, THE MIRRORS REVEALS OUR SIN BY THE LAW OF GOD (1 John 3:4).**

- A. First, notice how the practice of sin is *described* (3:4a)  
*“Whosoever committeth sin . . .”*
- B. Secondly, note how the principle of sin is *defined* (3:4b).  
*“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law . . .”*
- C. Thirdly, consider how the persistence of sin is *denounced* (3:4) “ . . . *for sin is the transgression of the law.*”

#### **II. SECONDLY, THE MIRROR \_\_\_\_\_ OUR SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST (1 John 3:5, 8).**

There are many reasons why Jesus came into the world, but John limits it to two:

- A. First, Christ was sent to take away \_\_\_\_\_ (3:5).
- B. Secondly, Christ was sent to \_\_\_\_\_ the works of the devil (3:8b).

#### **III. THIRDLY, THE MIRROR \_\_\_\_\_ US OF OUR POSITION IN CHRIST (1 John 3:6-10).**

- A. First, notice how the practice of sin is \_\_\_\_\_ with abiding in Christ (3:6).

- B. Secondly, note how the practice of sin \_\_\_\_\_ or refutes personal knowledge of Christ (3:6b).

- C. Thirdly, consider how practicing righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ or proves our status with Christ (3:7).

- D. Fourthly, look at what practicing sin \_\_\_\_\_ and reveals our kinship with the devil (3:8-10).

1. First, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Birth prevents the continuous practice of sin (3:9a) “*Whosoever is born of God doeth not commit sin . . .*”
2. Secondly, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the New Birth prevents the continuous practice of sin (3:9b) “ . . . *for his seed remaineth in him . . .*”
3. Thirdly, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the divine nature prevents the continuous practice of sin (3:9c) “ . . . *And he cannot sin because he is born of God.*”
4. Fourthly, the \_\_\_\_\_ between the two natures prevents the continuous practice of sin (3:10).