

## 1 JOHN 3:4-10

### SOME THINGS ARE OBVIOUS

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Some things are painfully obvious in life, aren't they? There is a funny line that we often hear or use, "Thanks, Captain Obvious." When we say it, or hear it, we are admitting that some things are obvious—obviously.

That is what John is telling his readers. Certain things are obvious spiritually as well. Those who abide in Christ don't continue to walk in sin. John seems to be confronting an unbiblical belief that says our physical lives have no bearing on our spiritual lives. Interestingly enough, that is an apparent (obvious) reality in our culture today. We seem to believe that we can "believe" in Jesus and continue to walk in, or abide in, sin. The issue is not sinlessness, but a person abiding in Christ does sin less. It is a process of growth.

Physical life is as obvious as physical death. Ask any emergency responder. Physical death is obvious. John is saying that it is just as obvious spiritually. Anyone who abides in Christ does not continue to walk in, pursue, or abide in sin.

I received an email yesterday afternoon from a dear lady who said basically she wasn't sure exactly why she hadn't grasped before what John was saying in this section of John. Anyone who abides in Christ does not keep on sinning. Or as it says in verse 10, it is obvious who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Take a look at what Paul says in [Galatians 5:16-26](#).

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#### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Sunday, Dave used an old question. "If we were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict us?" How would you respond to that?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What relationship does abiding in Christ have to do with walking in sin? Why?

3. What would you say to someone who did something at some point in their life that they believed made them right with God, but has experienced no change in their life for years?

4. What in these verses challenges your thinking or has potential impact in your life?