BORN OF GOD

1 John 2:28–3:10

Key Verse: 3:9

1. How does the author exhort believers, and what does it mean? (2:28a) What is his purpose in writing this? (28b) What discernment does he want us to have, and why? (29)
2. Read 3:1–2a; note the repetition that we are “children of God.” Why is God calling us his children so amazing? (Ro5:8; Eph2:1–5) What else does the author say in verses 1–2a about us, and why? According to verses 2b–3, what do we know, what hope does it give us, and how does it impact our lives? How can we purify ourselves? (1:7,9; 1Pe1:22)
3. In verses 4–6 what is the author’s main point? What can we learn here about Jesus? What does it mean to “continue to sin”? To “see” and “know” Jesus?
4. Compare verse 7 with 2:29. What does it mean to do “what is right,” and why is this so important for a Christian? In contrast, what does verse 8 say about those who do what is sinful? How has the devil been sinning “from the beginning,” and what is his “work”? (Jn8:44) What can we learn here about Jesus, and how can we be like him?
5. Read verse 9. What does it mean to be “born of God”? (Jn1:11–13; 3:3,5–8) To have “God’s seed” within us? (2:27; 3:24) What does it mean that they “cannot” go on sinning, and what does this mean to you?
6. In verse 10, what are the two signs of being a child of God/child of the devil, and why do we need to know this? (7a)