

IT'S REAL—7

It's REAL because it SHOWS our SIN or STATUS

1 John 3:4-10

Introduction. _____

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 trangresseth also the law . . .”
- C. Thirdly, consider how the persistence is 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).