

THE FAMILY OF TRUTH - PART IV  
"THE UNCONDEMNED HEART"  
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I. NOW AND NOT YET

- 1 John 3:1-2, "...we may be named born-ones of God...the world does not have an experiential knowledge of us, because it has not come into an experiential knowledge of Him..."
- John always points to head and heart.
- This is a battle of faith between who we were and who we are.
- We are seated in heavenly places and struggling in earth places – Ephesians 1:3
- John is not speaking to perfection, but habit.
- This can only be done when we live empowered by the Spirit of God.
- God has given the provision of strength to walk in purity.

II. EVERYONE IS A CHILD

- Vs. 9 - "Everyone who has been born out of God, with the present result that he is a born-one (of God), does not habitually do sin, because His seed remains in him..."
- We receive a deposit of God that determines whose child we are.
- Ephesians 1:13, "You were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."

- The devil's intent is to always obstruct the entrance to heaven.
- The problem is sometimes we obstruct the entrance also.
- Matthew 8:31-59
- John 8:44, "...he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."
- The devil is a liar and the father of all lies and this comes straight out of his nature.
- All throughout scripture God has always faithfully provided.
- His nature is to be an "ever present help" in our time of need.

III. WHERE IS YOUR HEART

- It seems like John makes it impossible to fulfill the tests.
- What is really cool about God is He provides a way for us to know how we are doing.
- Vs. 19-21 - "...if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God."
- We have this battle going on to stay in fellowship with God.
- When our hearts condemn us it is because God's Spirit is assuring us from the inside out.
- He is testing our hearts so we can stay free.
- It is the sealing effect of the Spirit's work in our lives.