

Light, Love, & Life Series:
How The Incarnation Helps Us Live Out The Sacred
Living Out The Love Of God In A Dark World, Part 1:
Righteousness
1 John 3:1-10

- I. The World Doesn't Know Us, Because It Doesn't Know The Love of God (1)
- II. Now We Are Children of God (2-10)
 - A. A strong distinction is made between the children of God and the children of the devil
 - B. The marks of a child of God
 - 1. A future hope in being conformed to the image of Jesus (2)
 - 2. A present purification to reflect the image of Jesus (3)
 - 3. A life marked by righteousness as opposed to sin/lawlessness (4-10)
 - a. Not a continued life practice of sin
 - b. A perpetual life practice of righteousness
 - C. How have these things come to be?
 - 1. Jesus appeared to take away sin (5)
 - 2. In Jesus there is no sin (5)
 - 3. Jesus appeared to destroy the works of the devil (8)
 - 4. Jesus, as God's seed, abides in us as believers, giving us the grace needed to overcome sin and the works of the devil (9)
- III. Loving Our Neighbor – It Begins With Living In Righteousness

- A. We reflect the glory of God
- B. We seek the well-being of "the other"
- C. We demonstrate the blessing and benefit of being children of God
- D. We demonstrate the power of the gospel to transfer people from the kingdom of the devil to the kingdom of God
- E. We make much of Jesus by lives that are perpetually being transformed