

## Sermon Discussion - 19 February 2023

Read 1 John 3:1-10 together.

### **Getting Started** *Sharing from personal experience*

Some years ago there was a comedy show where one of the regular routines included funny skits using the catch-phrase, "The Devil Made Me Do It!" Christians often rely on this type of "theology" to explain why they make bad decisions and get caught up in sin.

Should we blame the devil for everything we do that is less than Christ-like? Only some things? What type of things? And, if the devil "makes us do it," how does he do that? Enjoy some lively conversation!

### **Observation** *Discovering the context*

- According to Scripture, what was the first sin, when did it happen, and who was involved? What was the outcome? Support your answers with Scripture references.
- If sin is defined as falling short of bearing the image of God's glory, what is God's glory?

### **Interpretation** *Discovering the meaning*

1. What is one mark of true saving faith in this passage?
2. "Once Saved, Always Saved" is a common tagline for many Christians when it comes to their eternal security. How did the sermon explain that the Bible's teaching on salvation is much more holistic?
3. Why must we understand adoption into God's family?
4. According to 1 John 3:6, can a person who "keeps on sinning" be a true disciple of Jesus?
5. According to 1 John 3:10, not loving your brother is a sin and indicates you are not practicing righteousness. What does not loving your brother mean? How do we know if we are not loving our brothers or sisters?

**Application** *Putting knowledge into practice*

- What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?
  
- Try memorising 1 John 3:1.  
*“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.”*
  
- How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?