

Be Sure Why Jesus Came

1 John 3.4-10

1. To Take Away our Sins, vs 4-7

➤ *his title, name and purpose*

John 1.29; Mat 1.21; Heb 9.26-28

(a) Sin defined, v4 lawlessness

= living without reference to God

Sin's manifestations

falling short of God's glory Rom 3.23

failing to trust God Rom 14.23

failing to do good James 4.17

doing wrong 1 John 5.17

Sin's consequences

alienated from God

dead towards God

guilty before God

under God's condemnation

subject to eternal banishment

(b) Sin removed, v5 **John 1.29**
through God's sacrificial Lamb
2.1-2; Heb 9.26-28;
1 Peter 2.24; Isaiah 53.5-6
eternally sinless 1 Pet 3.18;
2 Cor 5.21; Heb 7.25-27

(c) Sin deserted, v6
- incongruity of sinning when
in partnership with Christ
obedience is proof of
personal relationship 2.3-5
- lapses must be confessed for
fellowship to be restored 1.8-2.2
don't be deceived by those
who go light on sin v7

2. To Destroy Devil's Work, vs 8-9

(a) Satan's work defined
varied and deadly John 10.10
doubt, denial, deception
downfall Gen 3.1-6

humanity is in Satan's grip 5.19;
Eph 2.2; 2 Cor 4.4

(b) Satan's total undoing, v8

we can be untied from his grip

Mat 21.2; John 11.44

- through Christ's death for sin

God is now for us Rom 4.25;

Rom 8.31-34; Heb 2.14-15

1 Cor 15.55-57

- through Christ's gift of Life v9

a new nature 2.29

sin is now unnatural for us

3. Whose family are you in? v10

➤ **parentage: divine or diabolical?**

a child of God

or a child of the devil?

➤ **our behaviour will tell us**

we behave like our Master

me, Satan, or God's Spirit?