

1 John 3:4-10

The Reason for Jesus

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

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The reason John wrote was because there were some people in the church who were trying to “deceive” them (v.7)

What is sin? Sin is lawlessness. (v.4)

- Disregard or indifference to God’s will
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The reason for Jesus’s coming: to take away sin. (v.5)

- Jesus freed us from the punishment we deserved.
 - Jesus came to fix all that sin has ruined in the world.
 - Jesus came to free believers from the power of sin. (v.8)
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Jesus welcomed everyone, no matter who they were. But every person, after they had come to him, was called to change.

“Jesus dined with sinners, but he didn’t sin with sinners. Jesus lived in the world, but he didn’t live like the world. This is the Jesus paradox.”

- Rosaria Butterfield, [The Gospel Comes with a House Key](#)
