

# John's Letters: Lesson 7

## Children of God Practice Righteousness

**Lesson Text:** 1 John 2:28-3:12

**Weekly Text:** 1, 2 and 3 John

**Assignment:** Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times and answer the questions to prepare for class discussion.

**In Context:**

2:18-27 Warning About Antichrist, Reminders and Exhortation

**2:28-3:12 Children of God Practice Righteousness**

3:13-24 Love and Life

### Study Guide Questions

1. Observe that 2:28-29 serves to transition between subjects (2:18-27 and 3:1-12). Based on the preceding context (2:24, 27), how do we “abide in Him”? Consider, why will this give “confidence” “at His coming” rather than “shame”?
2. In 2:28-3:10 John makes it abundantly clear that “children of God” “practice righteousness”. Examine the text and observe what motivates/causes one to practice righteousness.
3. In this context, what distinguishes the “children of God” from “the children of the devil”?
4. John emphasizes, “practice” (3:4, 7, 8, 9, 10). What is meant by “practice”? (Cf. “walk” 1:6-7; 2:6)
5. Provide your own title for this section, 2:28-3:12.