

III. THE HOLINESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS (3:8-10)

- A. The righteous live a selfless life to Christ. (v 8)

Non-Believer

Satan (Isa. 14:15-18)
All Sin (John 8:44)
Old Life (Rom. 6:6)
Old Character (Gal. 5: 24)
In Character to Sin

Believer

Jesus (John 10:10b)
No Sin (Heb. 4:15)
New Life (Col. 3:10)
New Character (Gal. 5:17)
Out of Character to Sin

- B. The righteous live a service-orientated life to Christ. (v 9)

1. This person sins, but does not keep practicing the sin.
They overcome it!!

“Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”
II Peter 3:14

2. This person longs to please the Father.

“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”
Romans 6:13

- C. The righteous live a Savior-driven life. (v 10)

1. This results in evident living.

“...that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”
I Peter 4:11b

2. This results in evident loving.

“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.”
I John 5:1

DO YOU HAVE RIGHTEOUSNESS?

“...for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.”
Hosea 10:12b

BIRTHMARKS OF A CONFIDENT BELIEVER

Birthmark #4 - Righteousness

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Life is filled with uncertainties. Will today’s job be there tomorrow? Will my marriage survive? Will my children be ok?

Sometimes these uncertainties touch our spiritual being. We wonder about our relationship with God. Is my life pleasing to Him? These doubts erode our confidence and can be erased.

*“13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
14 And this is the confidence that we have in him,...”* I John 5:13-14a

- B. Join me in this eight week series we will reveal the birthmarks of a confident believer.

May 9	Birthmark #1 - Joy
May 16	Birthmark #2- Obedience
TODAY	Birthmark #3- Truth
May 30	Birthmark #4- Righteousness
June 6	Birthmark #5-
June 13	Birthmark #6-
June 20	Birthmark #7-
June 27	Birthmark #8-

Come as you are and build your confidence as we study God’s Word.

- C. **TEXT:** I John 2:29-3:10 (Pew Bible Page 241/New Testament)

“And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:”
Philippians 3:9

HOW TO HAVE RIGHTEOUSNESS

I. THE **HEART** OF THE RIGHTEOUS (2:29-3:3)

A. The righteous remember the **love** of the Father. (vs 29-3:1)

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”
Romans 8:3-4

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father”
Romans 8:15

B. The righteous remember the **return** of the Son. (v 2)

“20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”
Philippians 1:20-21

“16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
I Thessalonians 4:16-17

C. The righteous remember the **purity** of the Holy Spirit. (v 3)

“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”
Romans 8:10

“But grow in the good will and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory belongs to him now and for that eternal day! Amen.”
II Peter 3:18

II. THE **HABITS** OF THE RIGHTEOUS (3:4-7)

A. The righteous habitually **crave** for the Father’s nature. (v4)

“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

Ephesians 2:3

“So to walk even as He walked.”

I John 2:6

B. The righteous habitually **communicate** about the Father’s Gospel. (v5)

“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” John 1:29

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

I Peter 2:24

C. The righteous habitually **cling** to the Father’s words. (v6)

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

John 15:7

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe”

I Thessalonians 2:13

D. The righteous habitually **contend** for the Father’s values. (v7)

“Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”

Ephesians 5:10-11

“...ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

Jude 3

Your **Belief** matches your **Behavior**.