

Series: 1st John  
Sermon: 2:18-3:10  
Speaker: Jonathan Drake

### **Daily Readings**

Monday: 1 John 2:18–23; John 14:6; John 8:31–32  
Tuesday: 1 John 2:24–27; John 15:1–11  
Wednesday: 1 John 2:28–3:3; Romans 8:14–17  
Thursday: 1 John 3:3–6; Romans 6:1–14  
Friday: 1 John 3:7–10; Ephesians 5:1–10  
Saturday: 1 John 3:1–3; Luke 15:11–32

### **Discussion Questions**

1. John warns believers about voices that distort who Jesus is. What are some subtle lies or competing messages about Jesus or Christianity that Christians commonly encounter today? How can we grow in recognizing biblical truth?
2. John repeatedly tells believers to "remain" (abide) in Christ. What does abiding in Jesus practically look like in your daily life? What tends to pull you away from consistently remaining in Him?
3. John teaches that we obey because we are already God's children—not in order to become His children. Why is this distinction so important? How does understanding your identity in Christ change your motivation for obedience?
4. John describes the Christian life as resisting sin and pursuing righteousness. Where do you find yourself most tempted to tolerate or justify sin? What does genuine repentance look like in that area?
5. John says people should recognize God's children by how they live. If someone observed your life this week, what evidence would point them toward Christ? Where do you hope God continues to transform you?

### **Action Step**

1. Spend intentional time with Jesus every day this week by reading His Word and praying. Ask God to deepen your knowledge of Christ so you can recognize truth from deception and remain rooted in Him.
2. Identify one area where you have been drifting from Christ or tolerating sin. Confess it to the Lord, invite accountability from a trusted believer, and take one practical step toward pursuing righteousness this week.
3. Begin each day by reminding yourself of your identity as a beloved child of God. Let your obedience, relationships, and decisions flow from God's lavish love for you rather than trying to earn His acceptance.