

May 8, 2022 [Mother's Day]
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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1 John 2:3-6

“Moral Test #1 – Part 7: Living Like Him”

- I. Prologue [Introduction] – 1:1-4
- II. Tests of Genuine Fellowship: Cycle (Spiral) #1 – 1:5-2:27
 - A. The Moral Test – 1:5-2:6
 - 1. The Standard (Criterion): Light – 1:5
 - 2. The Statements (Contrasts) – 1:6-10
 - 3. The Savior (Christ)
 - 4. **The Saved (Children) – 2:3-6**
 - a. **The Who and What We Love Test (3-5a)**
 - 1) **Jesus** – God the Word
 - 2) **Jesus’ Commandments** – the Word of God
 - b. **The Where and How We Live Test (5b-6)** – By this we know that we are in Him: ⁶ the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. [NASB95]

1) Where We Live – in Him

In Christ – Rom 3:24; 6:11; 8:1, 2; 12:5; 1 Cor 1:2, 4, 30; 15:22; 2 Cor 1:21; 2:14; 3:14; 5:17, 19; Gal 2:4, 16; 3:26, 28; 5:6; Eph 1:3-4, 10, 12; 2:6-7, 10, 13; 3:6; Col 1:28; 1 Thess 4:16; 5:18; 1 Tim 1:14; 2 Tim 1:1, 9, 13; 2:1, 10; 3:15; 1 Pet 5:10

In Him – Jn 1:4; 3:15-16; Acts 17:28; 1 Cor 1:5; 2 Cor 1:20; 5:21; Eph 1:7, 13; 2:21-22; Col 1:16-17; 2:3, 7, 10-11, 15; 1 Jn 2:5-6, 27-28; 3:6, 24; 4:13; 5:20; 1 Pet 1:8

Through Christ – Rom. 5:1, 11, 15, 17; 6:23; 7:4; 1 Cor 15:57; 2 Cor 5:18; Gal 3:14; 4:7; Eph 1:5; Phil 1:11; Heb 13:20-21; 1 Pet 2:5

Through Him – John 1:3; 3:17; Acts 13:39; Rom 1:5; 5:2; 8:37; 11:36; Eph 2:18; Col 1:20; 3:17; Heb 7:25; 13:15; 1 Pet 1:21; 1 John 4:9

Through Whom – Acts 6:7; 2 Cor 1:24; Gal 6:14; Heb 1:2

From Whom – Col 2:19

With Christ – Rom 6:8; Gal 2:20; Eph 2:5; Col 2:13, 20; 3:1, 3

With Him – Rom 6:4, 6, 8; 8:32; 13:4; Col 2:12; 3:4; 2 Tim. 2:11-12

Abide(s) – 1 Jn. 2:6, 10, 14, 24, 27-28; 3:6, 9, 14, 17, 24; 4:12-16

2) How We Live – like Him

Discussion & Application:

1. Americans will spend \$31.7 billion on Mother's Day this year (\$11 billion more than on Father's Day). What is it about moms that makes people want to give so much? Moms typically are givers. What are some of the greatest gifts moms give to their families throughout the year? What are some important spiritual lessons they can pass on to their families by way of example?
2. What does it mean to be "in" Christ? Read some of the verses in the box on the outline. List some things that are true about those who are in Christ. How do these truths help you have assurance of salvation?
3. Read the verses about "**abiding**" on the outline. What does the word "**abide**" mean? What is someone claiming when they say that they "abide in Him"? What does Jesus say about abiding in Him and in His words in **John 15**? What fruit will be evident in the life of a person who is truly abiding in Christ?
4. Read **Col. 3:1-4**. What does Paul mean when he says, "**Christ, who is our life**"? What are the implications of that statement in a person's daily life and decision-making?
5. Use a concordance and find verses that describe the way Jesus walked (lived) in the following areas:
 - Intimacy with God (abiding)
 - Obedience
 - Prayer
 - Humility
 - Service
 - Evangelism
6. The Apostle John is saying that true Christians walk like Jesus walked. How is this possible? (See Ezek. 36:25-27; Jn. 15:5; 17:17; Gal. 5:16, 22-23)
7. How is your walk in the six areas listed in #4? Are you consistent? Are you progressively becoming more like Jesus in those areas? Are you able to say, "Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ"? (**1 Cor. 11:1**) What specifically needs to change in your walk (lifestyle) for you to grow in likeness to Jesus? Read **Eph. 4:22-24**. What do you need to "lay aside," what do you need to "renew in the spirit of your mind," and what do you need to "put on" to walk like Jesus walked?
8. Spend some time evaluating how you are doing in the **Moral Test**. Is your life characterized by walking in the light? Do you freely acknowledge that you are a sinner in need of salvation that can only come through Jesus? Do you quickly confess sins after committing them and repent of them? Does your lifestyle demonstrate a love for Jesus and His Word? Do you love to learn God's truth and defend it when others say it isn't true? Is it obvious that you are trusting in Jesus alone, following Him wherever He leads and striving to live the way He lived? Does your moral lifestyle shout out to the world that you believe Jesus is your Savior and LORD?
9. If your lifestyle is not characterized by obedience to Jesus, it is very possible that your profession of faith in Jesus is not genuine (Tit. 1:16; Lk. 6:46; Mt. 7:22-23). Don't be deceived. Turn from sin and trust in Jesus today as both Savior and LORD. Receive His gift of forgiveness, righteousness, and eternal life. As a new creature in Christ, follow Him in obedience to the truth and enjoy the assurance that you "know that you have come to know Him."
10. **Memorize 1 John 2:3-6.**