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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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1 John 5:18-21

“Moral Test #3: Do You Know? – Part 2”

- I. Prologue [Introduction] – 1:1-4
- II. Tests of Genuine Fellowship: Cycle (Spiral) #1 – 1:5 - 2:27 [Moral; Social; Doctrinal]
- III. Tests of Genuine Fellowship: Cycle (Spiral) #2 – 2:28 - 4:6 [Moral; Social; Doctrinal]
- IV. Tests of Genuine Fellowship: Cycle (Spiral) #3 – 4:7 - 5:21 [Social; Doctrinal; Moral]
 - A. The Social Test – 4:7 – 5:1
 - B. The Doctrinal Test – 5:1-12
 - C. The Moral Test – 5:13-21 – Do you KNOW?
 1. I KNOW that I have eternal life! (13)
 - a. I believe in the Biblical Jesus and the Biblical Gospel
 - b. I pass the three tests of 1 John
 2. I KNOW that I have a heavenly Father who hears and answers my prayers! (14-17)
 - a. Confidence in answered prayer (14-15)
 - b. Condition(s) for answered prayer (14-15)
 - c. Counsel regarding the content / limitations of answered prayer (16-17)
 3. I KNOW that I have a new relationship with _____ and _____! (18)

 4. I KNOW that I have a new relationship with the _____ because I am a child of God! (19)

 5. I KNOW that I have _____ with the only true and living God through Jesus! (20-21)

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. In v. 18, some people say John saying we can achieve sinless perfection in this life. What other verses in 1 John (or the rest of the New Testament) help you prove that isn't true? What does John mean that "*no one who is born of God sins*"? Share with one another specific ways your morality has changed since you were born of God.
2. In v. 18, who is it that keeps us? What does that mean? Who is the evil one? What role did he have in our lives before we were born of God? In what sense now does he not "touch" us? What difference should knowing this make in living out godly morality?
3. What is John referring to when he says, "the world"? How does the evil one control the world? List several ways that he does that in America today. How does a person's relationship to the world change when they are born of God?
4. How would you explain to someone that eternal life is knowing (having an intimate relationship with) God? How is this different than "religion"? Who is John referring to in v. 20 when he says, "This is the true God and eternal life"?
5. What passages of Scripture would you use to show someone that Jesus is God? Why is this important? How does (should) knowing that Jesus is God impact us morally?
6. Why does John end his letter about assurance of salvation by giving a warning about idols? Why are idols a big deal to God? See Isaiah 42:17; 44:9-20; Jer. 10:1-16. How is an unbiblical Jesus or an unbiblical Gospel just like an idol?
7. Pray for **specific people** you know that don't yet have biblical assurance that they have eternal life. Ask the Lord to give you an opportunity to share your testimony and how they too could know for sure that they have eternal life.
8. **Memorize** 1 John 5:18-21. If you have finished memorizing all of 1 John, please contact Pastor Paul and let him know (call 818-776-1500 ext. 111 or email: pbrown@tbbfchurch.org). He will give you a **REWARD** for your diligent efforts.