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**Assembly Times**

*Sundays*  
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
*Wednesdays*  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard  
Of Sound Doctrine***

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**Know Your Bible: Answers**

1. Tarsus (Acts 21:39)
2. Thyatira (Acts 16:14)
3. Ur (Genesis 15:7)
4. Antoch of Syria (Acts 11:26)
5. Bethany (John 11)
6. Bethlehem



# Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”  
Ephesians 6:13

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## Of The Devil Or Of God?

1 John 3:7–10 *“Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.”*

The passage above is built upon the previous teaching earlier in the chapter. 1 John 3:3–4 *“everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.”* This is about the Christian’s effort to live in obedience to God, to not sin. 1 John 3:6 *“No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.”* To “abide in Him” is to “stay” or “remain” in a state or condition. Being “in Him” (Christ) is where all spiritual blessings are found (Ephesians 1:3). A related word (in Greek) is used in Acts 11:23 *“when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord”*. If we abide in Him (remain true to the Lord, remain “in Christ”), then we do not sin. We do not live in or practice “lawlessness.”

*“He cannot sin, because he is born of God”* (1 John 3:9). *“We know that no one who is born of God sins”* (1 John 5:18). False teaching strongly twists these passages and ignores the surrounding context by saying once you become a Christian (are saved) you cannot sin so that you are eternally lost - once saved, always saved. The context says we cannot sin because we have become a Christian. We cannot choose to sin because we are rebelling against God and are of the Devil. Joseph is a great example of this teaching. When he was presented with the temptation to lie with Potipher’s wife he said *“How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?”* (Genesis 39:9). He could not sin - by his choice. This also seen in Psalm 18:22–23 *“For all His ordinances were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me. I was also blameless with Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.”* So again, in 1 John 3:9 *“No one who is born of God practices sin.”* “Practices” is translated “commits” in the King James. It means “to make or do” (Strong’s definition). *“If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness,*

**This Week’s Assignments & Events**

**Sunday Worship**

Greeter: Lester Mabry  
Announcements: Billy Lovell  
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen  
Opening Prayer: John Franks  
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson  
Luke 2:1–7  
Song Leader: Arturo Orozco  
Table Talk: Tyler Blazek  
Contribution: Ronnie Ramsey  
Helper: Truett Blazek  
Fruit of Vine: John Van Baale  
Helper: Jonathan Lovell  
Helper: Verlin Wilson  
Closing Prayer: Kevin Buckner

**Sunday Afternoons**

Sept 29 3PM Devotionals  
Oct 6 Nothing  
Oct 13 Group Visitation (no meeting at the building; go with a friend)  
Oct 20 Nothing

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Leader: Corwin Richardson  
Speaker: Kevin Buckner

we lie and do not practice the truth” (1 John 1:6). Because we are born of God, are the child of God who has chosen to practice truth, we do not choose to practice sin.

This does not mean the Christian will never sin. *“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous”* (1 John 2:1). *“Abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming”* (1 John 2:28). The surrounding context to 1 John 3:7–10 indicates that Christians will sin. So we are taught to not *“love the world”* (1 John 2:15) but *“the one who does the will of God lives forever”* (1 John 2:17).

Paul speaks of this as well in Romans 7:14–23 *“For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not... I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.”*

So 1 John 3:10 says *“the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious.”* The Christian who stumbles in sin will return to God seeking His forgiveness. The habit of the Christian is to practice righteousness. The practice of the children of the devil is to practice sin (lawlessness). They may do some things God says but they continue in their sin and keep returning to their sin.

*“The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him”* (1 John 3:24). *“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God”* (1 John 4:15). *“God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God”* (1 John 4:16). *“This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”* (1 John 5:3–4).

Are you of the Devil or of God?

By Charles Willis

## Know Your Bible

### Cities

1. What city was Paul’s hometown?
2. What Asian city was the home of Lydia?
3. What city on the Euphrates river did Abram leave?
4. In what city were the disciples of Jesus first called Christians?
5. What city was home to Mary, Martha, and Lazarus?
6. What city was the birthplace of Jesus and David?

Answers On Back

### Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



## New Format For Tracts

For some 16 years our congregation has provided audio tracts on CD’s. These have been widely distributed, and we do not know how many copies have been made, but easily it has been many hundreds. We have had them available in our tract rack. Beginning today we are making a shift away from the CD format. That technology has been dying out for a few years, and today many people do not have a CD player. The CD tracts currently available will remain on the tract rack for a few weeks, but will not be replaced.

All of our tracts have been moved to our website under a new tab called “Tracts.” We currently have 14 audio tracts and will likely create more as we move forward. You can send a link for any of the tracts via email or text. We are making available today some “tract cards.” Each card has QR codes to 3 or 4 tracts on our website (see below). We encourage you to pick up a few cards today to hand out to friends, or to set out for someone to pick up. They are located in the tract rack in the foyer.

The “tract cards” are a trial run to see if this format is used and liked. Please provide feedback. If you have suggestions or other ideas for using tracts, please speak to one of the Elders or Deacons.

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