

# TRAITS OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN

1 John 2:3-11

## Keys to understanding this passage:

- John is telling us how to \_\_\_\_\_ a true Christian, not how to \_\_\_\_\_ one.
- John writes in \_\_\_\_\_ language, even though he knows that life is lived in \_\_\_\_\_.

## True Christians bear the fruit of:

- \_\_\_\_\_  
**Verses 3-5;** see also Matthew 7:21; John 8:31; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; Titus 1:16; James 2:17; 1 John 5:3
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**Verse 6;** see also John 13:15; 15:5; Philippians 2:5; 1 Peter 2:21
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**Verses 7-11;** see also John 13:34; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Galatians 5:14; 1 John 3:10-11, 14-15; 4:7-8, 20

## TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

Questions for reflection and discussion

1. When you hear the question, “Are you sure you are a Christian?”, do you feel comfortable or frightened? Why?
2. Compare 1 John 1:8 – 2:2 with 1 John 2:3-6. How do you reconcile these two seemingly contradictory perspectives on the Christian life?
3. Put 1 John 3:6 in your own words. In what areas of your life are you most like Christ? In what areas are you especially un-Christlike?
4. How would you define the love that John writes about in 1 John 2:10? (You might want to read chapters 3 and 4 for clues.)
5. Which is more prevalent in the church—Christians who think they’re not saved or non-Christians who think they are saved? What passages of Scripture would you use to speak the truth in love to both types of people?