

“Family Resemblance: Who’s Your Daddy? – Part B”

Series: Authentic Christianity

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Text: 1 John 3:4-10; Rom 7:14-25

Introduction:

1. Family Resemblance (1 John 3:4-10)

A. We are children of God (1 John 3:2)

B. Born of God

C. Born of the devil

2. Family Feud: Is John at odds with Paul? (Rom 7:14-35)

A. Characteristics of "I"

B. "Contradictions" between Romans 7 and 1 John 3

Romans 7

17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

1 John 3

5 You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.

Romans 7

19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

1 John 3

6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

C. So Paul, who's your Daddy?

3. Is Paul Schizophrenic?

A. Paul at odds with himself

B. Law of sin

C. Body of death

D. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

4. A Reasonable Alternative

A. Who am "I"?

B. Jews under the Law of Moses

C. John describes the "normal" Christian life

D. No conflict between John and Paul