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1 John 3:4-5 (ESV)

4 Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

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1 John 3:6-7 (ESV)

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

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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1John 3:8,9 (ESV)

8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 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.

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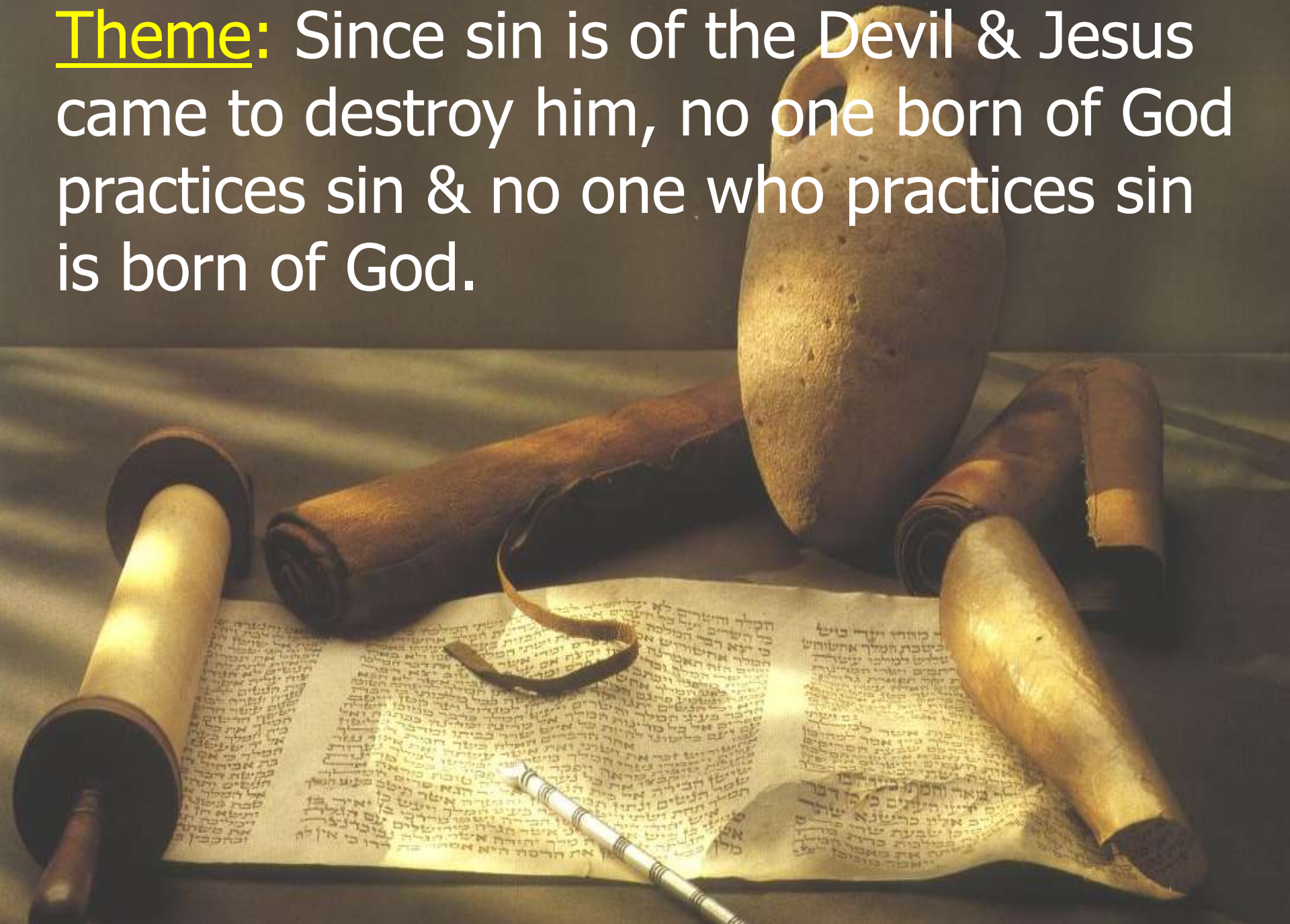
1 John 3:10 (ESV)

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.



Test of Love: Four Questions about Sin
1 John 3:4-10

Theme: Since sin is of the Devil & Jesus came to destroy him, no one born of God practices sin & no one who practices sin is born of God.



What is sin & where does it come from?

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1Jn 1:8-10;2:1

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Why did Jesus come?

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What about sin now that I'm saved?

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How can we tell God's children from Satan's?

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Set your Hope on Him; it'll purify you! [3:3]

- Know who you are in Christ!
- Learn how to **detect** the children of the devil and the children of God.
- Put **truth** and **love** together in your life!
- Since Jesus was “**not able** to sin”, we are now “**able not** to sin”.
 - Keep the tension between perfectionism and carelessness.
- Learn how to handle those who fall.
1Cor. 6:9-11 Gal. 6:1-3