

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH
LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 17/11/2019

Text(s): 1 John 3: 1 – 10

Title: Who We Are and What We Do

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(The sermon recording and slides are available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

1 John 3:7–10 (ESV)

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

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.

10 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.

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

1. **There have been different expressions of Christianity through the centuries. We rejoice with the diversity. But we also see distortions. What do we do with distortions?**
2. **The sermon focuses on 2 key matters: who we are and what we do. The preacher said being children of God, we bear God's likeness. What are some key characteristics of this likeness (see vv2-4)?**
3. **Apostle John points out that true children of God do not keep on sinning. This is not to say we are not capable of sinning. The more important matter is our attitude toward it. What should be our attitude toward sin?**

Additional question:

4. **The preacher said every child of God is loved by Him unconditionally. Has the system of meritocracy inhibited you from understanding this? Do you see yourself as one who is equally loved or lesser loved by our Heavenly Father?**

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate and apply God's word to our daily lives)



- 1. God loves us as a Father. He loves us as His children. How real is this truth to you? Is it a truth you've only comprehended in your head or is it one that has gone deep into your heart? How can those who are close to you tell the difference?**
- 2. What is our mission as children of God? The focus here is not missions work but our behaviour and what we do on a regular basis. Following from question 1 above, share about the specific things we need to be doing as children of God and the specific things we need to avoid doing.**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to encounter God's love personally and intimately. Pray that God's love would strengthen us to live truly as His children that do His will.
- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support.
- Remember our church and churches in Singapore to continue as godly witnesses to Singapore and beyond.