

“I John 3:9 Correctly Explained”

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(I John 3:9 “Is it “Prasso” to Practice or “Poieo” not one single act?)

TEXT: I John 3:4-10

“What Christ came to do was to destroy the Devil’s work”

I. From Lawlessness to Righteousness 3:4-7

A. Sin is Lawlessness 3:4

The Definition of Sin: “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.”

B. Christ took away sin 3:5,6

1. His Purpose “ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins;”

2. His Person “and in him is no sin.”

3. The Result of Abiding “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not:”

To abide speaks of the believer’s:

- **Position** in Christ that does not and cannot change
- **Walk** in obedience to God’s Word which can change moment by moment

Remember; perfectly abiding brings perfect obedience, but due to our old nature, **perfect abiding & obedience is impossible.** Sin in the Christian’s life is the result of not abiding in Christ, but walking in the flesh.

“whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.”, is a reference to the Old Man (child of the Devil). These scriptures are more easily understood if they are perceived as a comparison to the Old Man (from saved man or lost man) and the New Man (Christian only).

C. Christ Produces Righteousness 3:7

“Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.”

I. From Sin to Love 3:8-10

A. Sin is from the Devil 3:8a “He that committeth sin is of the devil;

B. Christ Destroyed the Works of the Devil 3:8b-9

“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God (**New Birth**) doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.”

C. Christ Produces Righteousness and Love 3:10”In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”

Therefore, if a child of God abides in the Lord, he too will produce acts of righteousness and love.

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Greek Strong's Number: **4238**

Greek Word: [πράσσω](#)

Phonetic Pronunciation: [pras'-so](#)

Vine's Words: [Act](#), [Commit](#), [Commission](#), [Do](#), [Done](#), [Exact \(Verb\)](#), [Extort](#), [Extortion](#), [Extortioner](#), [Practice](#), [Require](#)

Usage Notes: English Words used in KJV:

do 28 - commit 5 - exact 1 - require 1 - deed 1 - keep 1 - use arts 1 - [Total Count: 38]

“Prasso” Greek – 4238 **to “practise”, i.e. perform repeatedly or habitually**
(thus differing from (poieo), which properly refers to a single act);

Greek Strong's Number: **4160**

Greek Word: [ποιέω](#)

Phonetic Pronunciation: [poy-eh'-o](#)

“Poieo” Greek - 4160 **which properly refers to a single act;**
commit, deeds, do, exact, keep, require, use arts.
—Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

1Jn 3:9 Whosoever [G3956](#) is born [G1080](#) of [G1537](#) God [G2316](#) doth not [G3756](#) **commit [G4160](#)** sin; [G266](#)
for [G3754](#) his [G848](#) seed [G4690](#) remaineth [G3306](#) in [G1722](#) him: [G846](#) and [G2532](#) he **cannot [G1410](#)**
[G3756](#) sin, [G264](#) because [G3754](#) he is born [G1080](#) of [G1537](#) God. [G2316](#)

1Jn 3:4 Whosoever [G3956](#) committeth [G4160](#) sin

1Jn 3:7 Little children, [G5040](#) let no man [G3367](#) deceive [G4105](#) you: [G5209](#) he that **doeth [G4160](#)**
righteousness [G1343](#) is [G2076](#) righteous, [G1342](#) even as [G2531](#) he [G1565](#) is [G2076](#) righteous. [G1342](#)

1Jn 3:8 He that committeth [G4160](#) sin [G266](#) is [G2076](#) of [G1537](#) the [G3588](#) devil; [G1228](#)

ILLUSTRATION OF THE TWO TREES

Jesus explains the two natures

Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, (Cannot bring forth one single evil fruit)

neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. (Cannot bring forth one single good fruit)

Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. (Remember: The Believer has two natures)

