

**Reflection Questions:** Do I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that God the Father sent Him to be my Savior? How is this belief lived out in my life? Has Jesus taken away my sins? What sins do I need to confess today? How can I celebrate the *why* of Christmas this year?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



*Sermon*  
*Notes*

SIN-BEARING, DESTROYING, LOVING,  
LIFE-GIVING, ATONING SAVIOR

1 John 3 and 4

December 17, 2023

### 1. Sin-Bearing (3:5)

### 2. Destroying (3:8)

### 3. Loving (4:9)

### 4. Life-Giving (4:9)

### 5. Atoning (4:10)

### 6. Savior (4:14)

#### Quotes to Ponder

*Sin is the dare of God's justice. Sin is the rape of God's mercy. It is the jeer of His patience, the slight of His power, and the contempt of His love.*

John Bunyan

*All the tears of a penitent sinner, should he shed as many as there have been raindrops since the creation of the world, couldn't wash away, by his own tears, one sin.*

John Flavel

*God has paid us the intolerable compliment of loving us, in the deepest, most tragic, most inexorable sense.*

C.S. Lewis

*The all-seeing eye of God beheld our deplorable state; infinite pity touched the heart of the Father of mercies; and infinite wisdom laid the plan of our recovery.*

David Brainerd

*Our entire confidence in our acceptance before God is based solely upon the fact that Jesus was our legal representative in His sinless life and obedient death.*

Jerry Bridges

*God is none other than the Savior of our wretchedness. So we can only know God well by knowing our iniquities... Those who have known God without knowing their wretchedness have not glorified Him, but have glorified themselves.*

Blaise Pascal

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What are the five references to Christmas in *1 John 3* and *4*?

3. What do these verses say about Jesus?

*2 Corinthians 5:21* —

*1 Peter 1:18-19* —

*Hebrews 4:15* —

*1 Peter 2:22* —

*Hebrews 7:26* —

Why is this fact important?

4. What two theological statements are made about Jesus in *1 John 3:5*?

What do they both mean?

Why are they important?

5. How does Jesus *take away sins* (*1 John 3:5*)? Use Scripture.

How does *Hebrews 9:24-28* help explain this?

6. What are the *works of the devil* (*1 John 3:8*)?

7. How does Jesus *destroy* these *works of the devil* (*1 John 3:8*)? Use Scripture.

What does *Hebrews 2:14-15* add to your understanding of this?

8. According to *1 John 4:9*, how is *the love of God manifested in us*?

9. What does the phrase, *so that we might live through Him* (*1 John 3:9*), mean?

10. How does God love us according to (*1 John 3:10*)?

11. What does *propitiation* mean (*1 John 4:10*)?

Where else is this word used in Scripture?

12. What is meant in *1 John 4:14* that the Father sent the Son *to be the Savior of the world*? Use Scripture.

What does *1 John 2:2* say?

Is the meaning of *the world* the same in both verses?

13. Why do we need a Savior (*1 John 1:8, 10*)?

How does this fit with *1 John 3:5*?