




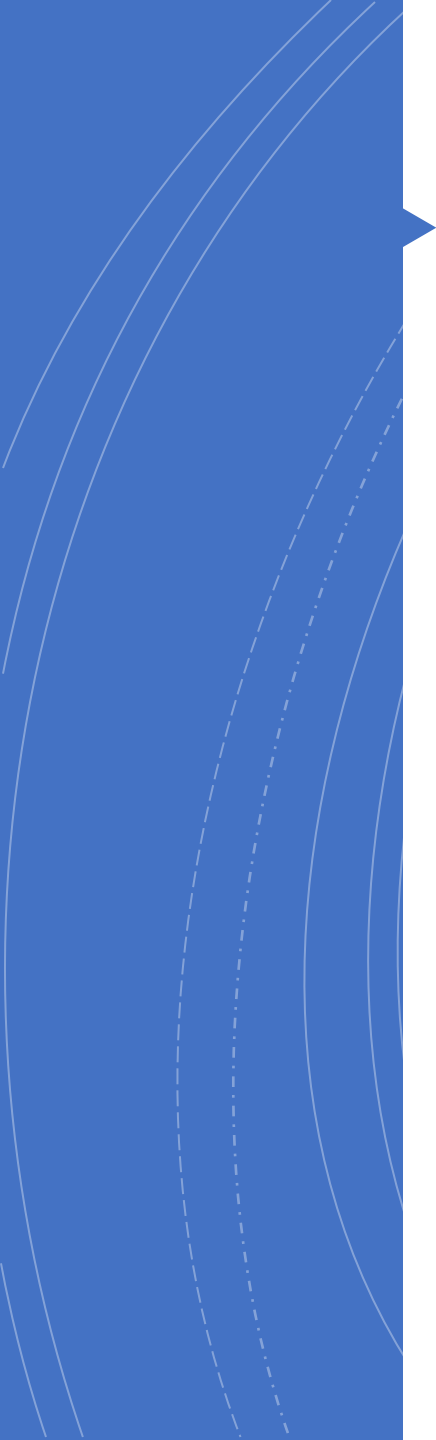
# New Jerusalem

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# 1 John 3: 4-11

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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<sup>8</sup> Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

<sup>9</sup> Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. <sup>10</sup> The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

# Context

- Chapter 3: 1-3 is about “sticking to the Source.” It says that we are children of God and that we should purify ourselves in line with this hope
- The rest of this chapter is going to focus on how we need to love each other
- Our section seems to be on discernment—how do we know we’re on the right track?

# Three Pictures

1. Matthew 22 (Parable of the Wedding Banquet): New Identity
2. Ideas from Simone Weil: New Responsibility
3. Ideas from Sarah Ruden: New Dream