

The Story in the Song
Pt 4: A Defeated Enemy and A New Identity

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-10

Discipleship Questions

1. Imagine being born into or adopted by the Carnegie or Rockefeller family in the 19th century. No doubt, being part of one of these influential and well-resourced (to say the least) families would shape your life. To an even greater extent — using the language of adoption and rebirth — Scripture tells us that being a child of God should shape our identity and how we live. After reading and reflecting on 1 John 3:1-10 (reread if you need to), what do you think it means to live as a child of God?
2. The Christmas hymn, *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*, serves as an encourager that we do not have to feel condemned by our past sin because Jesus has triumphed over Satan and sin. What feelings arise in you as you consider that your sins have been forgiven? In response to God's grace, how might God want to use you so others can experience the joy and peace of having their sins forgiven?