

sermon notes

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October 11, 2023 | "The Children of God" | 1 John 2:28-3:3

Who are the Children of God and What do They do?

- 1) The Children of God are _____ (2:28)
- 2) The Children of God are _____ of righteousness (2:29)
- 3) The Children of God are _____ (3:1)
- 4) The Children of God are _____ of Christ's coming (3:2)
- 5) The Children of God are _____ (3:3)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

1. How would you describe the love of God to a person who is not a Christian? Are all human beings, "children of God?" How would you respond to someone who said, "We are all God's children?"
2. What does it mean to be a "child of God?" How is this a manifestation of God's love for us (1 John 3:1)? Are you a child of God? How do you know? When did you become a child of God? How does a person become a child of God?
3. John tells us twice (2:27 and 2:28) to "abide in him." What does that mean? How does a person "abide in him?"
4. Is it possible to be an unrighteous Christian? Is it possible to be a righteous unbeliever? What does 1 John 2:29 communicate to you about the nature of following Christ? What does it mean to be "born of him?"
5. Do you anticipate Christ's coming? Describe the hope for eternity that you have in Christ. How does this hope impact your daily life? What evidence do you have that you are saved and will receive the reward of eternal life?
6. Who do the "him" and "he" refer to in 1 John 3:3? What does John mean by his statement, "everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure" (3:3)? How does a person purify himself/herself?

Advanced Question: John refers to Christ as "the Son" and he refers to us as "children of God." Is it appropriate for a Christian to call himself, "The Son of God" or herself, "The Daughter of God?" Why or why not? What about "a son of God" or "a daughter of God?" If there's a difference between these terms, what's the difference?