

Light, Life and Love: A Series in 1 John  
Whose Child Are You?  
1 John 2:28-3:10

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”

1 John 3:1

**Main Point:** The family of God has children who know how to behave.

God’s incredible love for us motivates us to act like His children.

**Point One:** Being God’s child means we are growing to be like Him.

We will be...

- Without sin
- Without falsehood or error
- Without weakness or imperfection
- Filled continually with the Holy Spirit

*The reality of this will be in heaven...but  
the effort begins here on earth.*

**Point Two:** Righteous conduct is not a condition for rebirth- but a consequence of it.

The nature of sin...

- It is lawlessness- a rebellion against God (3:4)
- It is incompatible with Jesus Christ (3:6)
- It is incompatible with the believer (3:8-9)
- It is from the devil (3:8)

The nature of righteousness...

- We are pure as He is pure (3:3)
- There is no sin or practice of sin (3:4-5)
- It is a regular practice (3:7-9)

**Point Three:** Approval by the world is to be feared, not sought.

*“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

John 16:33

*To be hated by the world will be painful and unpleasant, but remember: You are loved by God!*

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Next week: What is the Passover? Luke 22:7-23