

THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 3:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“A Fellowship of Love”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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Love, Rapture, Salvation

The Characteristics of Christian Fellowship – Purity!

I John 2:28-29

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him

In Our Last Study...

1.) Christians Are to Have Assurance

vv. 28a

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1a.) Because We Have Been Born Again

1b.) Because We Live With the Lord

1c.) Because We Hate the Lie (*false doctrine*)

2.) Assurance Results in Growth

vv. 28b

2a.) We're Assured of His Return

2b.) We're Assured of His Righteousness

2c.) We're Assured of His Acceptance

3.) Assurance Belongs to The Believer

vv. 29a

3a.) We're Assured of Who He is

3b.) We're Assured of Who we Are

3c.) Honestly, Do You Have Assurance?

The Believers Assurance

Again, In Our Last Study...

Matthew 17:1-3

....Now after six days Jesus took **Peter, James**, and **John** his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to **them**, talking with Him.

Peter, James & John
were privy to many special-ed classes by Jesus

“Seeing the Kingdom Come”
was obviously a huge boost
to their spiritual growth and understanding

But The Kingdom
is all ready at work here and at work

Luke 17:20-21

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees **when** the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹ "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

Jesus was NOT declaring that the kingdom of
GOD is within everyone

The Question was
"When" - - would the kingdom come?

Jesus' Answer was Provocative and Curious

"The kingdom of God does **not** come
with **observation**;

(IT DOES COME...*but not with observation.*)

(Parateresis (par-at-ay'-ray-sis)
visual analysis or inspection, or by ocular evidence:

nor will they say, 'See **here**!' or 'See **there**!'

It's Not Subject to a Geographically Local

It's not found on the temple mount, nor among the sanctums of the court, nor is the kingdom found in the sanctuary nor behind the veil of the Holy of Holies. It cannot be found in temples of stone or gold or traditions...

For indeed, the kingdom of God
is **within you.**"

en'tos homo'ne

(Inside a human)

Ezekiel 36:26-27

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.²⁷ "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

John 14:16-17

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that **He** may abide with you forever--¹⁷ "even the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees **Him** nor knows **Him**; but you know **Him**, for **He dwells with you** and shall be **IN YOU!**

The Kingdom of God Within You

John 3:7-8

"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'⁸ "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

I John 3:1-2

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1.) Looking into the Love of God

vv. 1

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him

1a.) Considering it's Greatness

Verse 1a

Behold **what manner** of love
the Father has bestowed on us,



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peculiar, unusual, never before seen,
out-of-this-world

God's Love – Personified in Christ

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

- Romans 5:8

1b.) Appreciating it's Generosity

Verse 1b

that we should be called children of God!
that we should

Verse 1 Declares
What We Are –
CHILDREN!

1c.) Understanding it's Uniqueness

Verse 1c

Therefore the world does not know us,
because it did not know Him.

Therefore

2.) Waiting for the Love of God

w. 2

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Verse 2 Declares
What We will be like –
HIM!

2a.) We Shall be Transformed

Verse 2a

Beloved, **now** we are children of God;

POSITIONAL

We are as much the children of God as we shall ever be

2b.) Our Glory Awaits Us

Verse 2b

and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him

Philippians 3:20-21

For our **citizenship** is in heaven, from which we also **eagerly wait** for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ who will **transform** our lowly body that it may be **conformed** to His **glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

The Body, *will be our Body!*

resurrection

We will somehow look like we look now
(kind of)

We will be able to do all the things we can do now
(toilet?)

We will be able to appear and disappear
(Jesus, Moses & Elijah did)

We will be able to eat – a lot!

(Jesus did)

Job 19:25-26

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; ²⁶ And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God,

*“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, **until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.**”*

- 2 Peter 1:19

2c.) We Shall Inherit His Love

Verse 2c

for we shall see Him as He is.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a one was caught up to the third heaven. ³ And I know such a man-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- ⁴ how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.