

# THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

## CHAPTER 3:3-8

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Attribute of the Christian”

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### 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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<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	<b>The Reading of the Text</b>	<b>vv. 3-8</b>
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**1 John 3:3-8**

And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. 6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

**A GREAT AND POWERFUL ANNOUNCEMENT IS  
MADE HERE**

## As was seen in verse 2

change must come to the Christian before we can see Jesus face to face in his glory. And to accomplish this change in us and of us, the Lord has a mystery plan to execute...

### **I John 3:2**

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.

## THIS IS THE CHRISTIANS "BLESSED HOPE"

### **The Rapture** ~~*Not The Second Coming*~~

### **Acts 1:10-11**

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

## The Christians Future is completely Known to God... ...and is being revealed to us

### **2 Peter 1:3-4**

as His divine **power has given to us** all things that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, **4 by which have been given to us** exceedingly great and precious promises, that **through these** you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

## "CHANGE"

is a word that should constantly surround the Christians life

**2 Corinthians 3:18 TLB**

But we Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.

## **A Great Example of Changed Lives...**

**Acts 4:12-13**

**(Remember The Disciples Before Pentecost)**

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. **And they realized that they had been with Jesus.**

### **The Greatest Witness**

*That The Christian Can Have is when the world says  
that he or she is just like Jesus Christ*

**“We’ll Looky There,  
Isn’t That a Typical Christian Action  
or Reaction”**

*(Assuming that it is a biblical action or reaction)*

## **True Christian Change**

will result in you or I being either Loved or Hated in this World

**Luke 6:26**

Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

**John 15:18-19**

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

**1.) The Believer's Hope Prepares Us**

**vv. 3**

And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**It Was No Secret in John's Day,  
Nor is it Secret Now**

**Titus 2:11-13**

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**The Hope  
is the appearing of Jesus for His church**

**1a.) By giving us a real expectation**

Verse 3

this hope

**1b.) By giving us an active expectation**

Verse 3

purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**We Do Not "DO HOLINESS"**

Holy Living is an Activity

that flows out from God

# In Relation to the Reality of his returning...

## 1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what is our **hope**, or **joy**, or crown of **rejoicing**? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

### 2.) The Believer's Hope Maintains Us

vv. 4-6

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness <sup>5</sup> And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

#### 2a.) The believer cannot abide in sin

##### Verse 4

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness,  
and sin is lawlessness

#### 2b.) The believer understands sins expense

##### Verse 5

And you know that He was **manifested** to take away our sins,  
and in Him there is no sin

HERE IS THE KEY

to the qualifications of the Sacrificially Lamb of God

# NOT ANOTHER COVER UP

**“and in Him there is no sin”**

## **Jesus Alone Could Look Directly into the Face of**

The Law with Confidence -- because he had Fulfilled it

## **Jesus Alone Could Look Directly into the Face of**

The Flesh with Boldness -- because He had Bested it

## **Jesus Alone Could Look Directly into the Face of**

And Sin with Power - - because He had Defeated it

2c.) The believer lives with a new identity

Verse 6

Whoever abides in Him does not sin.  
Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

### **Does not sin.**

sin, meaning sinning, as a way of life, or living in sin,  
living in opposition to the expressed will of God

#### **I John 1:10**

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar,  
and His word is not in us.

**I HAVE SEEN A HYPOCRACY WITHIN CHRISTAINITY  
THAT I BELEIVE HAS BEEN A GREAT STERILIZER TO THE CHURCH**

*A Religious Person Who's Not a Christian at All,  
who justifies their wrong, applies nothing to their life, and winks at sin*

3.) The Believer's Hope Secures Us

vv. 7-8

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. <sup>8</sup> He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

3a.) We seek to follow Him

## Verse 7

Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous,  
just as He is righteous.

**“Little children,  
let no one deceive you.”**

*(Do not let the deceiver(s) continue to mislead you)*

WE CAN BE DECIEVED WITHOUT BEING  
DISOBEDIEANT

**A Child’s Desire is to be Like Their Father**

THAT TRUTH IS SO STRONG THAT IT IS EMBOSSSED UPON EACH OF US

### **Matthew 5:6**

Blessed are those who **hunger** and **thirst** for righteousness,  
for they shall be filled.

**“He who practices righteousness is righteous,  
just as He is righteous.”**

The Christian is “Declared” righteous so that he can  
“Practice” righteousness

3b.) We desire to forsake our past

## Verse 8

He who sins is of the devil,  
for the devil has sinned from the beginning.

# Sin

has its sole origin in Satan and is the fruit of Satan's desires

## **Ezekiel 28:14-15**

"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. <sup>15</sup> You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

## 3c.) We rejoice in Christ's victory

### Verse 8

**For this purpose** the Son of God was **manifested**,  
that He might destroy the works of the devil.

### **NOTE**

#### Verse 5

"And you know that He was **manifested**  
to take away our sins"

## The "was manifested"

in the Greek implies that it was done once and for all in time and eternity

## **Hebrews 9:26**

He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

# For this purpose

## **Hebrews 10:10**

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

# For this purpose

## **Hebrews 9:28**

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

## **Romans 8:18-23**

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; <sup>21</sup> because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. <sup>23</sup> Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

## Just the Beginning...