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1 JOHN 3:1-3

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**1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.**

**2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

**3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

# Introduction

## A. The benefit of the study of the book of 1 John

### 1. Letter to Christians – to us

#### 1 John 1:3

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

### 2. To the worldly Christians

#### 1 John 2:15-16

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

# Introduction

**A. The profit of the study of the book of 1 John - continued**

**3. To the backbiter**

**1 John 3:14**

**We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.**

# Introduction

**A. The profit of the study of the book of 1 John - continued**

**4. To the doubtful**

**1 John 5:12-13**

**12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

**13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.**

**A Letter Of Love And Judgment**

# **I. The Position Of The Christian With God The Father**

## **A. Based of the love of God**

**1 John 4:10**

**Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

## **B. Based of receiving the power Of God**

**John 1:12**

**But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**

# **I. The Position Of The Christian With God The Father**

**C. One of being a joint heir with Christ**

**Romans 8:16-17**

**16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

**17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**

# **I. The Position Of The Christian With God The Father**

**D. A position that is permanent**

**Romans 8:38-39**

**38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,**

**39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

# **I. The Position Of The Christian With God The Father**

**E. One of being clothed with Christ's righteousness**

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

**For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin;  
that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

**Isaiah 61:10**

**I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful  
in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of  
salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of  
righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with  
ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her  
jewels.**

# **I. The Position Of The Christian With God The Father**

**F. A position to receive all spiritual blessings**

**Ephesians 1:3**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in  
heavenly places in Christ:**

## **II. The Position Of The Christian In This World**

### **A. A peculiar people**

**Titus 2:14**

**Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.**

### **B. A persecuted people**

**John 15:20**

**Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.**

## **II. The Position Of The Christian In This World**

### **C. A separate people**

**2 Corinthians 6:17**

**Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.**

## **II. The Position Of The Christian In This World**

**D. A recreated people - continued**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

**1. The natural process of growth**

**1 Peter 2:2**

**As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**

**Ephesians 4:15**

**But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

## **II. The Position Of The Christian In This World**

### **D. A recreated people**

#### **2. The worldly crowd ought to drop you**

**1 Peter 4:3-4**

**3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:**

**4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:**

# **III. The Position Of The Christian In The Future**

## **A. The age of fear and failing hearts is coming**

### **1. Mankind's outlook**

**Luke 21:26**

**Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.**

### **2. The Christian's outlook**

**1 John 4:17-18**

**17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.**

**18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.**

# **III. The Position Of The Christian In The Future**

## **B. Our future is the surest thing in this life**

**John 14:1-4**

**1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.**

**2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

**3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

**4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.**

# **IV. The Contrast In The Position Of The Unsaved**

## **A. Stands condemned before God**

**John 3:36**

**He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

## **B. The enemy of God because they are popular with the world**

**James 4:4**

**Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

## **IV. The Contrast In The Position Of The Unsaved**

**C. Future is death, hell, and the lake of fire**

**Revelation 20:13-15**

**13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.**

**14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

**15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

**Christ Is The Great Position Changer**

**Has He Changed You?**