

## Nothing to Fear, Nothing to Prove

**1 John 3:1-7 (NIV)** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

You are a **child** of God!

**Treated** like Jesus

vs 1 The reason the world does not know is that it did not know him.

**Purification** is a response to God's love

vs 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**Jesus** takes away our sin.

vs 4-5 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

The **Penalty** of our sin

The **Power** of our sin  
The **Presence** of our sin

Not a threat - a **promise**!

vs 6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin.

**Freedom** from the power of sin

Titus 2:11-12 (NIV) For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Do the right thing - **Love** others

Matthew 5:44-45 (NIV) But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteousness.