



## Confident Christian Living #5 | Confidence through God's Love

1 John 3:1-3 | 06/25/2023

**Introduction:** Chapter three of 1st John gives us further understanding of the basis for our confidence as Christians: “the love of the Father...” In fact, in these three verses the Bible tells us; 1. Who we are; 2. Where we're going; and 3. How to get ready!

### I. Our \_\_\_\_\_ as Christians - the Sons of God - verses 1-2a

John 8:44a *You are of your father the devil... But*, those who accept Jesus Christ are made the sons of God!

Galatians 3:26 *for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.*

#### A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by the Father

Salvation from start to finish is an expression of God's love.

Romans 5:8 *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

#### B. We are His \_\_\_\_\_ now - verse 2a

“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!”

#### C. We are not recognized by the \_\_\_\_\_ - verse 1b

He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

Sadly, drug-using sports heroes and rock stars are worshiped over Jesus.

## II. Our \_\_\_\_\_ - verse 2b

### A. He will \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 3:4 *When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16 *For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.*

There are over 300 references in the New Testament to the return of the Lord.

### B. We will be \_\_\_\_\_ Him

Romans 8:29 *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

Psalms 17:15 *As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.*

## III. Our \_\_\_\_\_ - verse 3

### A. Based on our \_\_\_\_\_

Our hope is not found in Washington DC or in military might, or a 401k.... **It is in Jesus!**

Luke 21:27-28 *And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.*

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves**

The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses or sanctifies us. But, there is also the matter of **daily sanctification** maintaining purity in the face of temptation...

James 1:22-25 *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*

We must apply God's Word each day to be spiritually prepared to face what will come our way.

**Conclusion:** Thank God for the believer's...

**Position** - loved by the Father

**Promise** - we will be like Jesus

**Practice** - preparing for His coming