

**Evidence for Assurance
Cleansing through the Father
1 John 3:1-10**



1 John 5:13 (ESV) — I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

ONE THING

The Father LOVES you just LIKE you are, right WHERE you are, but LOVES you TOO much to LEAVE you there!

1. Your POSITION in the Father DEFINES You

1 John 3:1 (ESV) — See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

What is your primary position as a believer in Christ?
Servant, soldier, saint, saved sinner, steward...?

Our primary focus must begin with our **CONNECT** through Christ as “CHILDREN OF GOD”...

Every follower of Jesus must first BELIEVE WHOSE they are before they BECOME WHO they are!

John begins this discussion with the **IMPERATIVE**, “SEE”...

To “see” here means to “take special notice of”

Then the next, “what kind of” refers to “what sort of” in reference to kind...

This is the word used in Matthew 8 when Jesus calms the wind and the waves... His disciples ask, “What sort of man is this that even the wind and the waves obey Him...”

So we are here told to ...

“Take special note of the distinguishing kind of love God has given to us”

John 1:12–13 (ESV) — But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Romans 8:16 (ESV) — The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

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1. Your POSITION in the Father DEFINES You

2. Your PROMISE by the Father DELIVERS You

1 John 3:2 (ESV) — Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Notice that first, we are ALREADY God’s children NOW!!!

Romans 8:17 (NLT) — And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

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But as for now...

- **We are living in “this earthly tent”...**

1 Corinthians 13:12 (ESV) — For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

- **We are seeing through a “mirror dimly”...**

2 Corinthians 5:1 (NLT) — For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

- **We are “looking for a city to call home”...**

Hebrews 11:13–16 (ESV) — 13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

➤ ***We are living in the ALREADY, but NOT YET period between the RESURRECTION and RETURN of Jesus***

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3. Your POWER from the Father DEVELOPS You

1 John 3:3–6 (ESV) — And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

➔ ***Pic 1 – God’s Standard***

God’s Standard of Good and Evil	
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2. You shall have no idols	7. You shall not commit adultery
3. You shall not take God’s name in vain	8. You shall not steal
4. Remember the Sabbath	9. You shall not bear false witness
5. Honor your father and mother	10. You shall not covet

➔ ***Pic 2 – God’s Standard and Man’s Standard***

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Our Fallen Standard of Good and Evil
Genesis 3:4–5 — ...“You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
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➔ ***Pic 3 – Lawlessness***

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Romans 7:24–25a (ESV) — Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

1 John 4:4b (ESV) — ... He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

➤ ***When we begin to see our trials, pains, troubles, and heartaches as ALLOWED by God’s discipline of LOVE we will begin walking in the VICTORY of RIGHTEOUSNESS***

***while still living in the WORLD of
LAWLESSNESS***

2 Corinthians 4:7–10 (ESV) — But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

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- 3. Your POWER from the Father DEVELOPS You***
- 4. Your PRACTICE through the Father DESCRIBES You***

1 John 3:7–10 (ESV) — Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice

righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Now, would like to know if you are a TRUE child of God?

LOOK AT YOUR DAILY PRACTICE!!!

Don’t compare yourself to others! Rather look at your daily walk...

Does your daily WALK match your TALK?

Let’s look again at verse 9...

1 John 3:9 (ESV) — No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

We begin this final section with a strict warning...

“Do not let anyone deceive you!”

The word translated “deceive” here literally means...

“To cause to wander off the path.”

There are many deceivers leading people down the wrong path!

1 Timothy 4:1–2 (ESV) — Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared

Remember our KEY truth for this morning?

The Father loves you just like you are, right where you are, but loves you too much to leave you there!

As a loving Father, He is using discipline in your life to grow you, develop you, and prepare you for eternity...

There is much confusion about discipline in today's Church...

I believe the primary reason is that we do not understand the difference between DISCIPLINE and PUNISHMENT

- ***Discipline is God LEADING you down the DESIRED path while punishment is God URGING you from the DEADLY path***

Hebrews 12:5 (ESV) — And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

Hebrews 12:7 (ESV) — It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Hebrews 12:11 (ESV) — For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

2 Timothy 3:12–13 (ESV) — Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

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➤ **Every follower of Jesus must first _____
they are before they _____ they are!**

2. Your _____ by the Father _____ You

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between the _____ and _____ of Jesus.**

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