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**UNDERSTANDING WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST – Part 3**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

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**3. THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE BECAUSE WE ARE CHILDREN OF LIGHT - 9-10**

*“For” - hoti – because*

⇒ Our APPOINTMENT is not “to wrath” - 9a  
*Zeph. 1:15; Rev. 6:16-17; 19:15; 1 Thess. 1:10; Rev. 3:10*

***Remember...***

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

⇒ Our ASSURANCE is based on the work of salvation 9-10

#### **4. THE COMFORT WE SHOULD HAVE BECAUSE WE ARE CHILDREN OF LIGHT - 11**

*“Therefore” – dio – because of what you know to be true*

- *Comfort of the rapture*
- *Comfort of promise of our rescue from wrath of God*

⇒ We should constantly ENCOURAGE one another *“encourage” - parakaleō – Hebrews 10:24-25*

⇒ We should constantly EDIFY one another

*“build” – oikodomeit - Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 8:1*