

Open It!

In what ways are your children like you? Or, in what ways are you like your parents? What are some family traits that are evident in your life?

Consider It!

What's the difference between committing a sin and the practice of sinning (1:8-9 and 3:4-6)?

What practice distinguishes the children of God from the children of the devil (3:7-10)?

What does it mean to be born of God (3:9; See also John 1:12-13 and 3:3-6, 16)?

Why is it impossible for those who are born of God to keep on sinning (3:9; Romans 6:5-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17)?

How was the righteousness taught by Christ distinct from the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 5:20 – 6:18)?

How is the family trait righteousness to be evident in us, the children of God (2:28-29 and 3:9-10)?

Live It!

What does this passage teach that I must believe?

What does this passage promise that I must trust?

What does this passage require that I must obey?

Pray It!

Heavenly Father, open the eyes of my heart to understand what it is to be Your child, a child of God. My life as a son of Adam has been crucified with Christ. I am no longer a slave to sin. I am a child of God. I am united with Christ in His resurrection so that I can walk in newness of life. I am a child of God born again of the Holy Spirit. May every breath I take, every word I speak, every deed I do be an expression of faith in your Son, Jesus who loved me and gave himself up for me, a trusting in Him to complete His work in me by His Spirit as a witness before a watching world and for the making of disciples among all peoples beginning with my neighbor. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Unleashing the Love of God

We Are Children of God

1 John 3:1-11

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Sermon Declaration

You Are a Child of God. Become who you are!

Pure as He is Pure

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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

1 John 3:2-3 (ESV)

A Purity Motivated by Love (3:1)

A Purity Misunderstood by the World (3:1)

A Purity Secured by Hope (3:2)

Next Step!

Righteous as He is Righteous

Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

1 John 3:7 (ESV)

We Are Made Righteous by the Work of Christ (3:5)

We Abide in Christ the Righteous One (3:6)

We Possess Righteous DNA (3:9)

Next Step!

Loving as He is Loving

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. ¹¹ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

1 John 3:10–11 (ESV)

Open Your Eyes to the Love of the Father (3:1)

You Are Who He Says You Are (3:2)

Hear the Word of the Lord (3:11)

Next Step!