

>> HELLO, AND WELCOME TO PREACHING THE GOSPEL. MY NAME IS CLIFF GOODWIN. I'M TRULY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TUNING IN AND BEING WITH ME HERE TODAY. AND IF YOU HAVE BEEN A REGULAR VIEWER IN TIMES PAST, THEN YOU KNOW THAT TODAY MARKS A NEW BEGINNING FOR THE PREACHING THE GOSPEL BROADCAST. WE HAVE A NEW SET, A NEW FORMAT, AND YET THE SAME OLD JERUSALEM GOSPEL. AND SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS NEW BEGINNING, I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED VIEWERSHIP. AND LET'S GRAB OUR BIBLES, AND LET'S GET RIGHT INTO THE WORD OF GOD TOGETHER. TODAY, I WANT US TO CONSIDER A STUDY I'VE SIMPLY ENTITLED, THE FUTURE GLORY OF HOLINESS. THE FUTURE GLORY OF HOLINESS. NOW, WHEN THE TOPIC OF HOLINESS COMES UP, RARELY IS IT FOUND TO BE A WIDELY POPULAR TOPIC; AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS BECAUSE HOLINESS INVOLVES BEING DIFFERENT. BY DEFINITION, REALLY, HOLINESS MEANS SET APART, SANCTIFIED, IF YOU WILL. THOSE WORDS ARE RELATED TERMS. AND SOMETHING ABOUT US AS PEOPLE, AS HUMAN BEINGS, WE TEND TO HAVE THE DESIRE TO CONFORM; NOT TO STAND OUT, RATHER, TO FIT IN. AND YET HOLINESS, BY DEFINITION AND BY ITS VERY NATURE, HOLINESS CALLS FOR US AS CHILDREN OF GOD TO BE DIFFERENT, NOT TO CONFORM TO THIS WORLD, AS WE KNOW FROM ROMANS 12:2, BUT TO BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF OUR MINDS THROUGH THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST. AND SO HOLINESS IS NOT POPULAR IN THE WORLD, CERTAINLY; BUT THAT'S THE REASON FOR TODAY'S STUDY. THERE IS, THERE WILL BE A FUTURE GLORY THAT IS BESTOWED UPON HOLINESS. OR TO STATE THAT DIFFERENTLY, THOSE OF US WHO, IN THIS LIFE, WE STRIVE TO LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTO GOD, LOVING HIM, KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS, WALKING FAITHFULLY IN THE LIGHT OF HIS WORD, WELL, THE RESULT OF THAT KIND OF COMMITMENT, THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR, THE RESULT IS HOLINESS. WE WILL BE NATURALLY SET APART. WE WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD ROUND ABOUT US. AND YET THERE IS A REWARD, THERE IS A FUTURE GLORY AWAITING SUCH CHILDREN OF GOD. LET'S BEGIN IN 1ST JOHN 3:2, WHERE REALLY WE FIND OUR TEXT, IF WE WERE TO GIVE A TEXT TO TODAY'S STUDY, IT WOULD BE 1ST JOHN 3:1-3. AND SO WE'LL WIND UP LOOKING AT ALL THREE OF THESE VERSES DURING THE COURSE OF OUR LESSON TOGETHER HERE TODAY. BUT BEGINNING AT VERSE 2, THIS IS WHAT WE FIND: BELOVED, NOW ARE WE THE SONS OF GOD. AND IT DOETH NOT YET APPEAR WHAT WE SHALL BE, BUT WE KNOW THAT WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS. NOTICE THERE THAT JOHN TELLS US THAT WHEN JESUS APPEARS - AND HE'S COMING BACK MOST CERTAINLY ONE DAY. WHEN JESUS APPEARS, WE ARE GOING TO BE LIKE HIM. WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE LIKE HIM EVEN IN ETERNITY. CONSIDER THE GLORY, CONSIDER THE HONOR, CONSIDER THE BLESSEDNESS OF SUCH A STATE, OF SUCH AN ETERNAL EXISTENCE; AND YET THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT IS AWAITING THE FAITHFUL OF GOD ONE DAY. WHEN JESUS COMES BACK, WE'RE GOING TO BE LIKE HIM. NOW, THERE'S A LOT THAT WE COULD SAY ALONG THOSE LINES OR A LOT OF DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS WE MIGHT PURSUE SOME OF THOSE THOUGHTS, BUT WHAT I WANT US TO DO IS I WANT US TO TRY TO KEEP THIS STUDY BASED ROUGHLY ON THE CONTEXT OF 1ST JOHN 3:1-3. AND SO AS WE DO SO, WE'RE GOING TO NOTICE THREE MAJOR POINTS OR IDEAS BY WAY OF DEVELOPING THIS STUDY, THE FUTURE GLORY OF HOLINESS. POINT NUMBER ONE. THE FIRST THING THIS INVOLVES OBVIOUSLY IS IT MEANS ACCEPTANCE BY GOD. ACCEPTANCE BY GOD. ISN'T THAT WONDERFUL? AS HUMAN BEINGS, AS CREATED BEINGS FORMED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HIMSELF, THERE SHOULD BE NO HIGHER ASPIRATION FOR US THAN TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE GOD WHO FORMED US, THE GOD WHO MADE US IN HIS OWN VERY IMAGE. YOU BACK UP IN OUR CONTEXT TO VERSE 1, 1ST JOHN 3:1, HERE THE CHAPTER BEGINS, BEHOLD, WHAT MANNER OF LOVE THE FATHER HATH BESTOWED UPON US, THAT WE

SHOULD BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD. THEREFORE, THE WORLD KNOWETH US NOT BECAUSE IT KNEW HIM NOT. NOW, THE MANNER IN WHICH THE APOSTLE JOHN BRINGS TO LIGHT THIS ACCEPTANCE IS BY TALKING ABOUT THE TYPE OF LOVE, THE DEGREE OF LOVE, YOU AND I MIGHT EVEN UNDERSTAND, THAT GOD HAS BESTOWED UPON US. AND WHEN HE USES THE WORD BEHOLD AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS VERSE, IT'S A WORD WHICH INDICATES ATTENTION. IT'S CALLING FOR SOMEONE TO TURN HIS ATTENTION TO THIS CONCEPT THAT JOHN IS DRAWING OUT. HE'S SAYING BASICALLY, LOOK AT THIS. CAN YOU BELIEVE? THIS MIGHT BE AN AMPLIFICATION. CAN YOU IMAGINE THIS? WHAT MANNER OF LOVE THE FATHER HATH BESTOWED UPON US. IN OTHER WORDS, EVEN TO THE INSPIRED APOSTLE, THIS CONCEPT OF HOW GREATLY, HOW DEEPLY GOD THE FATHER HAS LOVED US AS HIS CHILDREN, IT WAS SO MUCH THAT JOHN, HE WANTED HIS READERS TO TAKE IT ALL IN. HE WANTED THEM TO BE AS MESMERIZED BY IT, SO TO SPEAK, AS HE WAS EVEN HIMSELF. AND SO THAT'S A WONDERFUL, THAT'S A VERY BEAUTIFUL THOUGHT. AND NO DOUBT THE REASON THAT WE ARE ACCEPTED BY GOD IS BECAUSE OF THAT KIND OF LOVE. NOW LET'S SHIFT FROM THE APOSTLE JOHN, AND LET'S GO TO THE APOSTLE PAUL. IN EPHESIANS CHAPTER 2, BEGINNING AT VERSE 4, THIS IS WHAT PAUL WROTE BY INSPIRATION CONCERNING THIS GREAT LOVE OF GOD: BUT GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, FOR HIS GREAT LOVE WHEREWITH HE LOVED US EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN SINS, THIS GOD HATH QUICKENED US TOGETHER WITH CHRIST. AND THEN PAUL ADDS, BY GRACE YE ARE SAVED. SO MANY WONDERFUL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD ARE EMPHASIZED IN THIS TEXT BY THE APOSTLE PAUL. HE BEGINS BY SAYING FIRST OF ALL, GOD WHO IS RICH IN MERCY. OUR GREAT GOD'S MERCY IS NOT SCANT NOR SCARCE. IT IS RICH. I THINK ABOUT THE PRODIGAL SON IN LUKE 15 AND HIS MUSINGS AS HE HAD FOUND HIMSELF BASICALLY IN THE HOG PEN OF LIFE. AND HE SAID, HOW MANY SERVANTS IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE HAVE BREAD ENOUGH AND TO SPARE? THAT'S A LITTLE DETAIL THERE IN THE PRODIGAL SON ACCOUNT THAT WE OFTEN OVERLOOK. IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE, THERE WAS NOT SIMPLY BREAD ENOUGH, THERE WAS NOT JUST SUFFICIENT BREAD; BUT RATHER HE SAID, THERE'S BREAD ENOUGH AND TO SPARE. ABUNDANCE. AND THAT COMES TO MY MIND AS WE'RE READING EPHESIANS 2:4, GOD IS RICH IN MERCY, AN ABUNDANCE OF MERCY. AND THEN NUMBER TWO, FOR HIS GREAT LOVE. NOT SMALL LOVE, NOT EVEN NOMINAL OR AVERAGE LOVE, NOT EVEN SUFFICIENT LOVE; BUT FOR HIS GREAT LOVE WHEREWITH HE LOVED US. AND THEN PAUL ELABORATED, OF COURSE, IN VERSE 5 THAT THIS WAS BESTOWED UPON US, THIS LOVE EXISTED TOWARD US EVEN WHILE WE WERE YET IN OUR SINS. AND YOU MIGHT COMPARE ROMANS 5:6, ROMANS 5:8. AND SO EVEN WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, GOD LOVED US WITH THIS GREAT LOVE. AND THAT LOVE IS WHAT WE MIGHT CALL THE IMPETUS, THE CATALYST, PERHAPS, ULTIMATELY RESULTING IN THE REALITY THAT YOU AND I COULD BE ACCEPTED BY GOD. HOW COULD WE, AS FRAIL HUMAN BEINGS, HOW COULD WE EVER BE ACCEPTED BY A PURE AND HOLY AND TRANSCENDENT GOD? HOW? HIS GREAT LOVE. LET'S STAY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS, AND BACK UP ONE CHAPTER WITH ME TO EPHESIANS 1 IN VERSES 6 AND 7. HERE, PAUL DEALS DIRECTLY WITH THE IDEA OF ACCEPTANCE. HE SAID, TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE - GOD IS THE ONE DESERVING OF THE PRAISE, WE ARE PRAISING THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE TOWARD US - WHEREIN HE HATH MADE US ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED, IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, EVEN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE. AND SO NOT ONLY HAVE WE READ ABOUT GOD WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, GOD WHO HAS THIS GREAT LOVE TOWARD US, BUT NOW WE'RE READING ALSO ABOUT HIS GRACE, ABOUT HIS UNMERITED FAVOR TOWARD US, FAVOR OF WHICH YOU AND I SIMPLY ARE NOT DESERVING; BUT BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE, WE HAVE BEEN MADE ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED. BEFORE I LEAVE THIS

POINT, LET ME POINT OUT THAT, YES, THE WORD ACCEPTED IS FOUND HERE IN EPHESIANS 1:6, AND SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ACCEPTANCE BY OUR GOD; BUT NOTICE THE CONCLUDING PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE IN VERSE 6. THIS ACCEPTANCE IS IN THE BELOVED. THERE IS NO ACCEPTANCE WITH GOD, THERE IS NO RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD FOR THE SINNER OUTSIDE OF CHRIST. ONE MUST BE IN THE BELOVED. AND THE BELOVED HERE I BELIEVE IS NO DOUBT REFERRING TO JESUS CHRIST. THIS WOULD BE PARALLEL TO WHAT WE FIND IN COLOSSIANS 1:13, WHO HATH DELIVERED US FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS AND HATH TRANSLATED US INTO THE KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON, OR INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SON OF HIS LOVE. THE BELOVED. AND SO THIS IS TALKING ABOUT MAN'S UNION WITH CHRIST, MAN'S BEING IN CHRIST. AND IN THAT SPIRITUAL LOCATION, IN THAT SPIRITUAL STATE, MAN IS ACCEPTED OF GOD; SO MUCH IN FACT, THAT WE CONCLUDE THIS FIRST POINT IN GALATIANS 4:6. THIS ACCEPTANCE IS OF SUCH A NATURE THAT THE BIBLE TELLS YOU AND ME THAT AS CONVERTED SINNERS, WE ARE ACTUALLY NOW CHILDREN OF GOD. GALATIANS 4:6 READS, AND BECAUSE YE ARE SONS, GOD HATH SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO YOUR HEARTS, CRYING, ABBA, FATHER. ABBA, FATHER. YOU KNOW, JESUS, BEFORE HE LEFT EARTH, HE HAD TOLD THE APOSTLES THAT IN HIS ABSENCE, HE WOULD SEND ONE DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THEM, THE APOSTLES PARTICULARLY, AND THAT WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME, HE WOULD BRING OR GUIDE THE APOSTLES INTO ALL TRUTH, JOHN 16:13. THE END RESULT OF THAT PROMISE AND ITS FULFILLMENT IS SIMPLY PUT, THE NEW TESTAMENT. THE HOLY SPIRIT LED THE APOSTLES INTO ALL SPIRITUAL TRUTH, THAT IS, ALL TRUTH THAT IS NEEDED BY MANKIND; AND THEY IN TURN, THE APOSTLES AND THE INSPIRED NEW TESTAMENT PROPHETS, THEY PENNED THAT REVELATION IN THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE NOW KNOW AS THE NEW TESTAMENT. AND SO IT IS IN THIS MESSAGE, THE NEW TESTAMENT OF JESUS CHRIST, THAT WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT. THE SPIRIT HAS INSTRUCTED US THROUGH HIS REVELATION THAT WE HAVE BEEN ADOPTED, WE HAVE BEEN MADE CHILDREN OF GOD. AND SO THROUGH GOSPEL TEACHING, THROUGH THE REVELATION OF THIS MESSAGE, WE ARE INSTRUCTED TO LOOK UPON GOD AND TO CALL UPON GOD AS OUR FATHER. WHY? WHY IS THIS POSSIBLE? WELL SIMPLY PUT, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY GOD. BUT NOW AS BEAUTIFUL AS THAT IS, AND AS MUCH TIME AS WE WOULD LIKE TO MAYBE PONDER THOSE GREAT VERITIES, WE NEED TO MOVE ON TO A SECOND POINT. AND IN THE SECOND PLACE NOW AS WE RETURN OUR THOUGHTS BACK TO 1ST JOHN CHAPTER 3, THERE'S ANOTHER IDEA, ANOTHER CONCEPT THAT COMES TO BEAR: AND THAT IS, NUMBER ONE, ACCEPTANCE BY GOD IS MET ON THE OTHER HAND WITH OR BY REJECTION BY THE WORLD. NOW, THIS IS NOT PLEASANT, BUT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS TRUE, AND WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND IT, WE NEED TO ACCEPT IT. IF WE ARE GOING TO BE ACCEPTED BY OUR GOD, THEN SIMULTANEOUSLY, IF YOU WILL, WE'RE GOING TO BE REJECTED BY THE WORLD. THAT IS A SPIRITUAL LAW OF SORTS. AND WE FIND THIS IN THE SCRIPTURES. LOOK HERE BACK IN 1ST JOHN 3:1 ONCE MORE: BEHOLD, WHAT MANNER OF LOVE THE FATHER HATH BESTOWED UPON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD. THERE'S THE ADOPTION, THE ACCEPTANCE, EVERYTHING WE'VE SPOKEN OF HITHERTO; BUT THEN THE ENDING OF VERSE 1, THEREFORE, JOHN SAYS. NOTICE THE CONNECTION. BECAUSE OF GOD'S ACCEPTANCE, THEREFORE, THE WORLD KNOWETH US NOT, BECAUSE IT KNEW HIM NOT. THE WAY JOHN STATES IT THERE, IT MIGHT APPEAR RATHER MILD. YOU MIGHT BE THINKING, WELL, CLIFF, THE TEXT DOESN'T SAY THAT THE WORLD HATES US. THE TEXT DOESN'T SAY THAT THE WORLD REJECTS US. THE TEXT SIMPLY SAYS THAT THE WORLD DOESN'T KNOW US BECAUSE IT DIDN'T KNOW GOD; AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, IT DOESN'T KNOW GOD'S CHILDREN. WELL, THAT'S TRUE; BUT THE RAMIFICATIONS AND THE TRUE MEANING OF THAT STATEMENT, AS WE'RE GOING TO SEE FROM OTHER

PASSAGES, THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT IS THIS: THE WORLD DOES HATE US. THE WORLD DOES REJECT US AS GOD'S CHILDREN. STAY IN 1ST JOHN, AND EVEN STAY IN CHAPTER 3, AND LET'S MOVE DOWN TO VERSES 12 AND 13. NOT AS CAIN, JOHN WRITES, WHO WAS OF THAT WICKED ONE, AND SLEW HIS BROTHER. AND WHY? WHEREFORE SLEW HE HIM? AND THEN JOHN GIVES THIS ANSWER: BECAUSE HIS OWN WORKS WERE EVIL AND HIS BROTHER'S, ABEL'S, WORKS, WERE RIGHTEOUS. SO WHAT JOHN DOES IS HE GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO NEARLY CREATION. HE GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO GENESIS CHAPTER 4, CAIN AND ABEL, THE FIRST BROTHERS THAT WE READ ABOUT IN BIBLICAL HISTORY; AND YET CAIN SLEW HIS BROTHER ABEL, WE KNOW THAT WELL FROM THE ACCOUNT, BUT JOHN TELLS US WHY: BECAUSE CAIN'S OWN WORKS, THE WILLFUL WAY THAT HE APPROACHED GOD IN WORSHIP, HIS WORKS WERE EVIL; ABEL, HIS BROTHER'S WORKS WERE RIGHTEOUS. AND APPARENTLY THERE WAS THAT PERHAPS ENVY, WE MIGHT SAY JEALOUSY. AT ANY RATE, THERE WAS A HOSTILITY, AN ENMITY BETWEEN CAIN AND ABEL BECAUSE OF THIS FACT, AND SO CAIN ROSE UP AND HE SLEW HIS BROTHER, ABEL. NOW, THAT'S TRUE HISTORICALLY, BUT THE POINT FOR US LIVING TODAY EVEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AGE IS BROUGHT OUT IN THE NEXT VERSE, VERSE 13. JOHN ADDS, MARVEL NOT, MY BRETHREN. IT SHOULD BE NO MARVEL TO US IN LIGHT OF THE CAIN AND ABEL SCENARIO. MARVEL NOT, MY BRETHREN, IF THE WORLD HATE YOU. SEE, THIS IS THE SPIRITUAL REALITY. NOW, THIS IS NOT PLEASANT; BUT WE ARE NEVER BENEFITED SPIRITUALLY BY TURNING OUR MINDS AND OUR HEARTS AWAY FROM TRUTH SIMPLY BECAUSE MAYBE WE FIND IT UNPLEASANT. AND SO WE NEED TO GRASP THIS AND WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THIS INTERNALLY AS IT WERE; AND EVEN MORE, WE NEED TO BE TEACHING THIS TO OUR CHILDREN, BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT IF YOU WANT TO GROW UP AND BE ACCEPTED BY GOD, JUST KNOW, KNOW UP FRONT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE REJECTED BY THE WORLD. THIS IS JUST HOW IT WORKS. AND IT'S REALLY A SMALL PRICE. FOR MAN TO BE RIGHT WITH HIS CREATOR AT THE EXPENSE OF NOT BEING ACCEPTED BY THE SINFUL WORLD IN WHICH HE LIVES, THAT'S REALLY A SMALL PRICE. AND JOHN WOULD HAVE US TO KNOW AND TO APPRECIATE THAT. MOVING NOW FROM THE APOSTLE JOHN, LET'S CONSIDER WHAT THE APOSTLE PETER HAD TO SAY BY INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, OF COURSE, ABOUT THIS VERY SAME TOPIC. IN 1ST PETER 4:4, PETER SAYS, WHEREIN THEY, THAT IS, PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, THEY THINK IT STRANGE THAT YE RUN NOT WITH THEM TO THE SAME EXCESS OF RIOT, SPEAKING EVIL OF YOU. IN OTHER WORDS, PETER IS WRITING TO CHRISTIANS. THIS FIRST GENERAL EPISTLE WAS WRITTEN TO CHRISTIANS, AS WAS THE SECOND. AND IN WRITING TO THESE CHRISTIANS, HE'S REMINDING THEM, AND IN FACT, HE DOES THIS AS EARLY AS CHAPTER 1, VERSES 13 THROUGH 17. HE'S REMINDING THEM THAT THEY CANNOT LIVE THE WAY THEY USED TO LIVE, THAT THEY WERE IN THE WORLD, THEY WERE LIVING IN SIN, BUT NOT ANY LONGER. AND SO HE'S REMINDING THEM THAT THEY'RE DIFFERENT AND THE WORLD IS NOT GOING TO UNDERSTAND THAT CHANGE. THE WORLD IS NOT GOING TO UNDERSTAND THAT DIFFERENCE. AND SO OFTEN, WHAT DO WE DO AS PEOPLE TOWARD THAT WHICH WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND? WHAT DO WE DO? WE SPEAK EVIL OF IT. NOW, THAT'S NOT RIGHT, THAT'S NOT THE WAY IT SHOULD BE, BUT THAT'S DEFINITELY WHAT THE WORLD DOES. THE WORLD LOOKS AT A CONVERTED CHILD OF GOD, SOMEONE PERHAPS WITH WHOM THEY HAD PARTIED, THEY HAD LIVED IN SIN, THEY HAD PURSUED ALL THESE EVIL WORKS TOGETHER AT ONE TIME, AND NOW THIS CHILD OF GOD DOES IT NO LONGER? THIS CHILD OF GOD DOESN'T WANT ANY PART OF THAT LIFE ANYMORE? YES, THE WORLD WILL OFTEN SPEAK EVIL OF SUCH PEOPLE. THIS UNDERGIRDS OUR PRESENT POINT: REJECTION BY THE WORLD, THAT'S JUST TO BE EXPECTED. AND THEN FINALLY, LET'S CONCLUDE THIS SECOND POINT WITH MARK 13:13. JESUS SAID

TO HIS DISCIPLES, AND YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL MEN FOR MY NAME'S SAKE. NOW, THINK ABOUT THAT STATEMENT. JESUS SPEAKING VERY POINTEDLY TO HIS FOLLOWERS, YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL MEN FOR MY NAME'S SAKE. BUT THEN JESUS ADDS THIS, BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED. AS I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO, A SMALL PRICE INDEED FOR HAVING A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, THE HOPE OF HEAVEN, KNOWING THAT AS WE TRUDGE OUR WAY THROUGH THIS PRESENT LIFE THAT ONE DAY, INDEED, ONE DAY EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY. HOW WONDERFUL THAT IS TO ANTICIPATE, A HOME IN HEAVEN WITH OUR MAKER, THE ONE WHO CREATED US. AND SO NOW THAT BRINGS US TO OUR THIRD AND OUR FINAL POINT FOR THE DAY, AND THAT IS MOTIVATION FOR HOLY LIVING. IN LIGHT OF THIS HOPE, IN LIGHT OF THIS FUTURE GLORY THAT IS INDEED GOING TO BE BESTOWED UPON THE HOLY ONES, HOW DO WE LIVE? WELL, WE LIVE HOLY LIVES. BACK IN 1ST JOHN 3, OUR PRIMARY TEXT, VERSE 3 THIS TIME: AND EVERY MAN, EVERY MAN THAT HATH THIS HOPE IN HIM, NAMELY, THE HOPE OF SEEING CHRIST, THE HOPE OF BEING WITH CHRIST, THE HOPE OF BEING LIKE CHRIST, THERE IN VERSE 2, EVERY MAN THAT HATH THIS HOPE IN HIM, HE PURIFIETH HIMSELF, EVEN AS HE, CHRIST, IS PURE. JESUS LIVED UPON THIS EARTH, AND HE DID SO IN SINLESS FASHION. HE LIVED A SINLESSLY PERFECT LIFE. PETER TELLS US THAT IN 1ST PETER 2:22. WE'RE TOLD THAT IN FACT IN A VARIETY OF PLACES: HEBREWS 4:15, 2ND CORINTHIANS 5:21. JESUS LIVED SINLESSLY PERFECT. NOW, YOU AND I, WE WILL NOT DO THAT. WE ARE NOT DOING THAT. BUT WE CAN LIVE HOLY LIVES. WE CAN LIVE TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY, REJECTING SIN, TURNING AWAY FROM SIN, MAKING SIN THE RARE EXCEPTION, HOPEFULLY, IN OUR LIVES AND CERTAINLY NEVER THE RULE OF OUR LIVES. WE'RE MOTIVATED TO DO THAT BECAUSE OF THE HOPE, BECAUSE OF THE FUTURE GLORY THAT WILL ONE DAY BE OURS. PAUL, IN ROMANS 6:22, HE WOULD PUT IT LIKE THIS: HE WOULD SAY, BUT NOW, BEING MADE FREE FROM SIN AND BECOME SERVANTS TO GOD, YE HAVE YOUR FRUIT UNTO HOLINESS. WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE RESULT OF BECOMING A SERVANT OF GOD, OF HAVING BEEN MADE FREE FROM SIN AND NOW SERVING GOD WITH YOUR LIFE? WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE FRUIT OR THE END RESULT OF THAT? PAUL SAID HOLINESS. THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS PRESENT LIFE, WILL BE HOLINESS. YOU'LL BE SET APART, YOU'LL BE DIFFERENT, YOU'LL BE GOD'S OWN POSSESSION. AND THE END, ULTIMATELY, THE END WILL BE EVERLASTING LIFE, THE FUTURE GLORY THAT ONE DAY IS COMING UPON HOLINESS, THOSE WHO LIVE HOLY LIVES TO THE LORD. PERHAPS IT'S BEAUTIFULLY STATED, UNLIKE IN OTHER PLACES, IT'S BEAUTIFULLY STATED OVER AND OVER; BUT CONSIDER THIS PASSAGE, TITUS 2:12-13. SPEAKING OF GOD'S GRACE, WHEREBY WE'VE ALREADY LEARNED WE CAN BE ACCEPTED OF GOD, GOD'S GRACE IS TEACHING US THAT DENYING UNGODLINESS, DENYING IT AND WORLDLY LUSTS, TURNING AWAY FROM SUCH THINGS, GOD'S GRACE TEACHES US TO LIVE SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, AND GODLY IN THIS PRESENT WORLD. AND AS WE LIVE SUCH GODLY, YEA, HOLY LIVES, WE ARE TO BE LOOKING FOR THAT BLESSED HOPE, VERSE 13, AND THE GLORIOUS APPEARING OF THE GREAT GOD AND OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. THAT'S THE WAY WE'RE TO BE LIVING LIFE. WE LIVE LIFE IN ANTICIPATION. WE'RE LOOKING FOR CHRIST. WE'RE EXPECTING HIM TO COME BACK. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN, BUT WE KNOW HE'S COMING BACK, AND WE LIVE HOLY LIVES, DESIROUS OF THAT FUTURE GLORY THAT WILL ONE DAY BE OURS, GLORY WITH HIM. AND SO THE HEBREWS AUTHOR, AS WE WRAP UP THIS STUDY, HE WOULD PEN IT LIKE THIS: HE WOULD SAY, FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN AND HOLINESS. THE WORD FOLLOW MEANS TO PURSUE. PURSUE PEACE WITH ALL MEN, PURSUE HOLINESS. HOLINESS IS SOMETHING NOT TO BE SHUNNED OR OF WHICH TO BE ASHAMED. HOLINESS IS TO BE PURSUED. I WANT TO BE HOLY. I WANT TO BE

SEPARATE, DIFFERENT FOR GOD'S SAKE. BECAUSE WITHOUT WHICH, WITHOUT HOLINESS, NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD, HEBREWS 12:14. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR STUDYING WITH ME TODAY AS WE'VE CONSIDERED THE IDEA OF BEING HOLY UNTO GOD AND THE FUTURE GLORY THAT WILL ONE DAY BE GIVEN TO SUCH PERSONS.

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