

BOOK OF 1 JOHN
Lesson #6 -Children of God
Scripture Reading: 1John 2:28-3:3

Introduction:

1. John finished warning against the Antichrist. Now John discusses the Christians' hope.
2. The child of God will keep himself pure because of the great hope he has.
3. In this lesson we will identify three parts to the great hope we have as Christians.

I. WE WILL NOT BE ASHAMED BEFORE HIM

A. THE CERTAINTY OF HIS RETURN

1. The return of Christ should be comforting to the Christian -1Th 4:13-18
2. No one knows the hour of His return -2Pe 3:10; 1Th 5:2

B. THE REACTION TO HIS RETURN

1. The Christian reaction is one of joy and anticipation -Re 22:20, 21
2. The unrighteous will shrink back from His return
 - a. E.g. The fall of man -Gen 3:8-11
 - b. Punishment upon those on the final day -2Th 1:7-9

II. WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD

A. THE GREAT LOVE OF THE FATHER

1. The love of the Father is unlike any other love -Ep 3:17-19
2. We have received the adoption as sons -Ro 8:15-17; Ga 3:26; 4:6, 7
3. The great love of God is our motivation for living righteously.

B. THE REJECTION OF THE WORLD

1. We should not be surprised if the world does not know us; it didn't know Christ.
2. Jesus taught us in regards to the rejection from the world -Jn 15:18, 19
3. The rejection from the world should never discourage us from living right before God.

III. WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

A. THIS REMAINS A GREAT MYSTERY

1. We know we will have a spiritual body -1Co 15:42-44
2. We are like the angels in heaven (i.e. not given in marriage) -Mt 22:30
3. There is no more sorrow or pain -Re 21:4

B. WE DO KNOW OUR RESPONSE

1. Practice righteousness -1Jn 2:29
 - a. This is not a condition of salvation
 - b. This is the result of salvation (i.e. We do not practice righteousness to become a Christian, we practice righteousness because we are Christians).
2. We practice righteousness to follow the example of Jesus -1Jn 2:6, 16, 3:7, 4:17
3. We purify ourselves as He is pure -1Jn 3:3
 - a. We have great promises, therefore we perfect holiness in the fear of God -2Co 7:1
 - b. We purify our souls by obeying the truth -1Pe 1:22

Conclusion:

1. During this life we will face trials and tribulation. This is what the devil uses to distract our minds from the path of righteousness.
2. We can overcome all the various adversities that come our way by continually focusing on the goal that is ahead!