

1 Jn. 3:1-3

- I. We have an identity as God's children (1)
 - A. Realize that you are God's children because of His miraculous love (1a-d)
 - 1. Notice/consider (1a)
 - 2. God's awesome love that has made us His children (1b-d)
 - a What sort of love the Father has given to us (1b)
 - b Result: We have become acknowledged as true children of God (1c-d)
 - 1) That we would be called children of God (1c)
 - 2) And we are (1d)
 - B. And this makes us aliens and strangers to a fallen, sinful world (1e-f)
 - 1. Because of this, the world does not know us (1e)
 - 2. Reason: Because it does not know Him (1f)
- II. We have an even greater hope (2-3)
 - A. We have a sure identity and an even greater hope (2)
 - 1. We are now children of God, and we will be something even better (2a-b)
 - a Beloved, we are now children of God (2a)
 - b And what we will be has not yet been revealed (2b)
 - 2. We have the sure hope of becoming like Him at His revelation (2c-g)
 - a We know (2c)
 - b We will be transformed to be like Him when we know Him immediately (2d-g)
 - 1) When He is revealed, we will be like Him (2d-e)
 - a) If/when/since He is revealed (2d)
 - b) We will be like/conformed to Him (2e)
 - 2) Because we will know Him more immediately (2f-g)
 - a) Reason: Because we will see Him (2f)
 - b) Just as He is (2g)
 - B. We respond by preparing for the realization of this hope (3)
 - 1. And everyone who has this hope in H/him (3a)
 - 2. This one conforms himself to the holiness of Christ (3b-c)
 - a This one sanctifies himself (3b)
 - b Just as this One is holy (3c)