

FIRST JOHN 2:24 – 3:3 LET TRUTH ABIDE IN YOU; THE CHILDREN OF GOD!

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OBJECTIVES:

- **To come into a closer relationship, a closer fellowship** with God the Father, God the Son our Lord Jesus Christ and God the Holy Spirit through the study and praying through His word.
- **To know God through a greater understanding** of His word.
- **To know His word and how to find out what we need from it**, when we need it and to understand what His will for us is in every situation! **To improve and activate our prayer life!**

(1Jn 2:24-29) Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. [25] And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. [26] These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. [27] But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. [28] And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. [29] If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

(1Jn 3:1-3) Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. [2] Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. [3] And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Let Truth Abide in You

1Jn 2:24 Therefore let that abide (6 x today, permanently adhere) in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning (having always been taught) abides in you, (2Jn 1:6-7) This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it. [7] For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. (Joh 14:23) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

- **It is the truth of Christ abiding in us** that is the means of severing us from sin and uniting us to the Son of God and to the Father.

1Jn 2:25 And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. (Joh 3:14-16) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15] that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God So Loved the World. [16] For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (Joh 6:40) And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." (Joh 17:2-3) as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

- **Great is the promise that God makes to His faithful believing servants.** It is eternal life, which none but God can give. God puts great value upon His Son, and the truth relating to Him, when He is pleased to promise to those who continue in that truth.

1Jn 2:26 *These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you* (lead you astray). (Act 20:29) *For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. (1Ti 4:1) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,*

- **John's third reason for writing this letter** is that we may not be deceived nor taken in by heresy, which make Scripture insignificant and fruitless.
- **In order to guard you against their arts.** He refers to the fact that there was danger that they might be led into error. The deceivers that were among them were labouring to pervert the followers of Christ.

1Jn 2:27 *But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you,*

(Joh 14:16) *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— (Joh 16:13) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

- **This abiding and anointing** (unction, smearing, special endowment) **is what enables** them to continue in the truth.

and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing (Jer 31:33) *But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. (Joh 14:16) *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—*

- **The Holy Spirit teaches us to abide in Christ**, also securing you, laying a restraint upon your hearts and minds so that you may not depart from Him. (John 16:13) *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

Children of God Read vs. 28-29

1Jn 2:28 *And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears,* (Mat 24:44-46) *Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. [45] "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? [46] Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. (the will of God!)*

we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. (1Jn 3:21) *Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. (1Jn 4:17) Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. (1Jn 5:14) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

- **This is our promise of eternal life** if we abide in Jesus Christ

1Jn 2:29 *If you know that He is righteous, you know that* (Act 22:14) *Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. **everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.*** (1Jn 3:7, 10) *Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. [10] In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

- **We know intuitively that Jesus is righteous**, but we know by experience that *everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him!*

Chapter Three: Love One Another

1Jn 3:1 *Behold what manner of love* (think about this Divine, Holy, other world, kind of love, whereby you are named as born again Christians – to believe His love, not necessarily to feel it!) **the Father has**

bestowed on us (1Jn 4:10) *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

that we should be called children of God! (No Gnostic could ever make you a child of God)

Therefore the world does not know us (Christians are the real aliens in the world today), (Joh 1:12) *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

because it did not know Him. (Joh 15:18, 21) *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. [21] But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.*

1Jn 3:2 Beloved (emphatic, plural, all inclusive, now, all of you, think about this!), **now we are children of God;** (Rom 8:15) *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, (Rom 8:18, 19, 23) *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. [19] For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. [23] Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

we shall be like Him (what an awesome thought- no sin, no defiling!), (Rom 8:29) *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

for we shall see Him as He is (in His dimensionality). (Psa 16:11) *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

- **Everyone has a god, a master passion, or guiding principle.** We become like the god we serve (Psalm 115:4-8) *Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. [5] They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; [6] They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; [7] They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. [8] Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.*
- **While worshipping any false god is a degrading experience,** worshipping the true and living God is an awesome elevating experience!

1Jn 3:3 And everyone who has (continual) **this hope in Him purifies** (continual) **himself, just as He is pure.** *been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*

- **Watching for the return of Christ is a purifying force in the Church.** It has a purifying effect of each of us!

SUMMARY- Benefits/Application:

- **Let Truth Abide in You - vs. 24-27** Lovers of one another abide in the Son and in the Father; He has promised us eternal life! His anointing on each believer teaching us all things; protects us from deception and heresy.
- **The Children of God - vs. 28-29** Those who abide in Him will not be ashamed. Know that He is righteous, then he who practices righteousness is born of Him. Are you watching? Are you working? Are you ready? Will He find faith in me when He returns?
- **1 John Chapter 3:1-3 Behold What Manner of Love**
- **We see an amazing and overwhelming truth here.** What love the Father has bestowed on us! Incomprehensible, we just sort of stand in awe of it. To think that God loved me so much that He sent His Son. (**John 15:13**) *"Greater love, Jesus said, has no man than this, that man would lay down his life for his friends"* The effect or the result of that love is that we have become the children of God, now and forever! We shall be like Him! We are purified just as He is pure! He shall conform every believer to His image, His nature!

Pray Today: We thank the *LORD* for a continuing great worldwide harvest! For continuing protection and security of all believers! For a great revival in the Church! For many to come to Jesus! *President & V.P.: Donald & Melania Trump; J.D & Usha Vance;* Senate majority leader **John Thune**; Speaker of the House **Mike Johnson**; We **thank You** for the many believers in our current leadership! We pray for more!

THE LOVE OF GOD - *Phelps, Penrod & Gardner (4:24)*

*The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell
the guilty pair bowed down with care God gave his son to win
His erring child, he reconciled and pardoned from his sins*

*Refrain: O love of God How rich and pure! How measureless and strong
it shall forever more endure the saints and angels song*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the Skies of parchment made
were every stone on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade
to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry
nor could a scroll contain the whole though stretched from sky to sky*

C. H. Spurgeon's Morning Reading (February 13th)

"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. Beloved, now are we the sons of God." — 1 John 3:1,2

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." Consider who we were, and what we feel ourselves to be even now when corruption is powerful in us, and you will wonder at our adoption. Yet we are called "the sons of God." What a high relationship is that of a son, and what privileges it brings! What care and tenderness the son expects from his father, and what love the father feels towards the son! But all that, and more than that, we now have through Christ. As for the temporary drawback of suffering with the elder brother, this we accept as an honour: "Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not." We are content to be unknown with Him in His humiliation, for we are to be exalted with Him.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God." That is easy to read, but it is not so easy to feel. How is it with your heart this morning? Are you in the lowest depths of sorrow? Does corruption rise within your spirit, and grace seem like a poor spark trampled underfoot? Does your faith almost fail you? Fear not, it is neither your graces nor feelings on which you are to live: you must live simply by faith on Christ. With all these things against us, now—in the very depths of our sorrow, wherever we may be—now, as much in the valley as on the mountain,

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God." "Ah, but," you say, "see how I am arrayed! my graces are not bright; my righteousness does not shine with apparent glory." But read the next: "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him." The Holy Spirit shall purify our minds, and divine power shall refine our bodies, then shall we see Him as He is.