

Series: Family Fellowship
"A Calling Out of This World" # 12
I John 2:29 - 3:3
7-1-18 AM

1. We move to the second half of First John. The first part of the book dealt with fellowship. The second part deals with being born of God.

2. Contemplating on being born of God [v. 29], causes John to express his awe and wonder of being a child of God. The life of a Christian is summed up in these few verses.

TT: Being a child of God is a calling out of this world. I want to share what we are, what we shall be, and what we should be.

I. What we are [3:1].

1. Selected by the Father [1a]. Note 3 truths about this love.

(1). Unique Love- "What manner of love"

What manner? Greek word means "out of this world." John 3:16 says "For God **so loved** the world."

Why is it out of this world? He loved us when we were unloving and unlovable. Because of who He is and who we are. Because it is supernatural love not a natural love.

(2). Undeserving love- "bestowed upon us"

Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."

2 Tim. 1:9-10, "Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

Eph. 2:1, 8- We were dead in sins and He quickened us and by grace we are saved through faith. God called us, converted us, and is conforming us to the image of His Son.

To be called Sons of God- In the family of God, adopted, heir of God joint heirs with Jesus, God as our Father-we are royal blue-bloods, a child of the King.

(3). Unselfish Love- gave His Son (Rom 5:8).

2. Slighted by the world [v. 1b].

World will not recognize you or appreciate you. They will hate and persecute you because they hate and persecute Jesus.

I don't want the approval or applause of the World. If we live godly, imitate Jesus and be salt and light, we will not be liked by the world. They will try to conform you to them.

See Romans 12:1-2

I. What we are [3:1].

II. What we shall be [2:28; 3:2].

1. Some Christians will be ashamed at His coming [2:28].

All believers will appear before the judgment seat of Christ and be judged as to motive and quality of our works according to our giftedness and opportunities he has given us.

Some are going to be ashamed before Him. It means to shrink back from him in shame because their life has been an embarrassment when He appears because they did not abide in his body or his book.

2. Some Christians will be assured at his coming [3:2] I don't know everything but two truths I do know:

(1). We will be able to see Jesus as He is-

We see him now thru the Holy Spirit in our lives and his Word, in Isa. 53 we see him as the suffering servant, the gospels we see him as the God-man, but we will see what Peter, James and John saw on the Mt. of Transfiguration and John saw in Rev. Chapter 1.

(2). We will be like Him in character, and body [I Cor. 15].

Phil. 3:21

I. What we are [3:1].

II. What we shall be [2:28; 3:2].

III. What we should be [3:3]. Two traits should dominate the believer's life.

1. Hope- "Every man that has this hope"

Your faith is only as good as what you have your faith in. Is it built on the blood and righteousness of Jesus?

We should be learning, loving, looking and living for his coming. Look for His coming- patiently awaiting his return with expectation and enthusiasm.

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2. Holiness- "purify himself"

There should be a desire for holiness in the children of God [2:29; 3:5-10].

Con: To be a child of God- What we are- selected by the Father and slighted by the world. What we shall be- like him. What we should be- Hopeful and holy.