**We Are Children of God**

1 John 2:28-3:10 (Key verse 3:1a)

*“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us****, that we should be called children of God****! And that is what we are!...*

1. What does the author encourage children of God to do? (28a) What happens when they continue in him? (28b) Who is born of Jesus? (29)
2. What does the phrase, “lavished on us,” show about God’s love to us? (1) Why does the author emphasize the identity of the children of God by saying, “And that is what we are!” or that we should be called children of God? Why does the world not know who the children of God are? (1b, John 1:12[[1]](#footnote-1)) What will we become when the Christ appears? (2, Rev 1:13-16[[2]](#footnote-2)) What does everyone who has the hope in Jesus do? (3)
3. What is sin? What are people doing when they sin? (4) What did the Christ do when he appeared? (5) Why can’t anyone who is in Jesus continue to sin? (5b-6)
4. What does the author warn us to not do? (7a) Who is righteous? (7b) Who is of the devil? (8) Why did the Son of God appear? (8b) Why can’t anyone who is born of God continue to sin? (9) How can we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are? (10)
1. **John 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 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Rev 1:13-16** and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man,[a] dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)