

I AM A CHILD OF GOD

Love Made Known, part 5

1 John 2:28 - 3:10, ESV

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1 - Superficial faith is absolutely possible.

1 JOHN 2:19

“They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.”

2 - Saving faith always perseveres.

ALL WHO HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD ARE BEING SANCTIFIED BY GOD AND WILL BE GLORIFIED WITH GOD.

1 JOHN 2:28 - 3:10

“And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God nor is the one who does not love his brother.”

IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND ADOPTION INTO GOD’S FAMILY.

1 JOHN 3:1

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.”



1 - GOD IS OUR PERFECT FATHER.

2 - JESUS IS OUR PERFECT BROTHER.

HEBREWS 2:11 - 13

“For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, ‘I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.’ And again, ‘I will put my trust in him.’ And again, ‘Behold, I and the children God has given me.’”

MATTHEW 28:10

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.’”

JOHN 20:17

“Jesus said to her, ‘Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’””

MARK 3:35

“For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister . . .”

3 - WE ARE IMPERFECT CHILDREN.

4 - WE NOW LIVE TO DISPLAY THE FAMILY LIKENESS.

ROMANS 8:28 - 29

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

1 JOHN 3:2

“ . . . we know that when he appears we shall be like him . . .”



1 JOHN 3:3

“Everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”

1 JOHN 3:9

“No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.”

5 - WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FAMILY REUNION.

