



**Faith
Foundations
1 John**

1 John 3:1-10 (ESV)

“³ 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. ² 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.
³ And everyone who thus hopes in
him purifies himself as he is pure.
⁴ Everyone who makes a practice
of sinning also practices
lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices

⁸ 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. 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. ¹⁰ 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.”

Children of God



**As God's children
we are to imitate the
purity of our Father
who is holy.**

I. IDENTITY

vv.1-2 (our past)

II.DESTINY

v.2 (our future)

I.PURITY

vv.3-10 (our present)

I. Identity (3:1-2)

John reminds us of our identity in Christ

The Message (Peterson):

3 What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to.

2-3 But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God.







II. Destiny (3:2)

John reminds us of our destiny because of Christ

The Message (Peterson)

**2 ... Who knows how we'll end up!
What we know is that when Christ is
openly revealed, we'll see him—and
in seeing him, become like him.**

III. Purity (3:3-10)

John reminds us of that we are called to purity as we follow Christ.

The Message (Peterson)

v. 3 What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

