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Lesson 19 — 1 John 3:1-3

- Last time in **1 John 3:1** we saw some of the benefits we have received in our adoption as sons:
 - We are heirs of God and now members of the household of God
 - And we are fellow heirs with Christ, and we are Christ's reward
 - **1 Peter 2:9-10**
- In the rest of verses 1-3, John will share several other blessings we have as the children of God.
- **Verse 1b** *"For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."*
 - John now reminds us that the world does not recognize that we are the children of God because the world did not recognize Jesus' true identity
 - **2 Corinthians 4:4**
 - Therefore, we also are the object of the world's hatred.

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- **Verse 2a** “... beloved, we are now God’s children and what we will be has not yet appeared...”

- John reminds them that no matter what the world believes about them, we are now God’s children.
- John is aware that this identity is also, in part, veiled to us.
 - **1 Corinthians 13:12**

- **Verse 2b** “... but we know when [Jesus] appears we shall be like Him because we shall see Him as He is.”

- At Jesus’ return, our present lowly bodies will be changed to conform to his glorious body.
- This is the Day...
 - When God the Father shall gather all of us from across the ages
 - When the Father’s eternal purpose for us will be fully realized
 - To which we have been predestined
 - Of the full experience of God’s promise
 - When we shall be ushered into the Father’s eternal kingdom

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- **Verse 3** *“And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”*