

## Sermon Reflection:

### **Proclamation of God's Word**

**Text:** 1 John 2:28-3:10 (ESV)

**Title:** This is How We Know: We Are God's Children **Teacher:** Tim Rice

2:28 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. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. ... 3:1 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 righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 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.

### **Introduction: What defines your sense of purpose or identity?**

- Family?
- \$?
- Job?
- Children's performance?
- Your failure?
- Your Success?

### **A Solid Design With A Clear Aim**

The Lord is good, loving, righteous, pure and we were made to live in His likeness...

Personal Emphasis: Original or Faithful

- Original – Out of Design, Unique to YOU, Conformity to Self
- Faithful – following design, Conformity to Him in love, purity, goodness

### **Enticed & Independent**

How has the devil lead to a destructive movement of rebellion and sin?

Radical Individualism – Satan's Narrative as an Alternative

- Oppression as Freedom
- Your Work vs God's Work
- Individual vs Community
- Independence vs Dependence

### **Beloved Children**

Confident in the work of another – Jesus

Jesus denies himself

Father's View

- You have gone from Dis-figured to Beautiful
- Our Father can't keep his Eyes off of YOU

Application:

- Do you see you as God does? Who is correct in their view?
- What have you done against God or your neighbor that is greater than what Jesus has done for you?
- Only the love of God displaces the shame of our doings. How will you enjoy that more this week?