1 John 3:1-9 "Fathers and Their Children"

Introduction

Key Verse

1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may [continue to] believe in the name of the Son of God.

V1 Behold What Manner of Our Father's Love

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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.

Our Glorious Future

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Romans 8:16
The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. If you are a child of God, you have an inward assurance of this.

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It doesn't yet appear what we are gonna be. Paul said, "Some of you will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what body will they come?" (I Corinthians 15:35) And he doesn't really seek to tell us too much about the body, only in the fact that it's going to be vastly superior to the body that we have. We're planted in corruption; we're going to be raised in incorruption. We're planted in weakness; we're going to be raised in power. We are sown in dishonor; we're going to be raised in glory. We're planted as a natural body; we're going to be raised in a spiritual body. There is a natural body; there is a spiritual body. As we are born in the image of the earth, so shall we bear the image of the heavens.

- Pastor Chuck Smith

V2 Our Glorious Future

Isaiah 53:2b ...He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, no beauty that we should desire Him.

Revelation 1:13-16 and in the midst of the seven lampstands [One] like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair [were] white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet [were] like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword, and His countenance [was] like the sun shining in its strength.

Vv 3-5 Our Purifying Hope

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ICorinthians 11:31-32
For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Vv 6-7 Family Resemblance

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unrighteous, evil, covetous, malice envy, murder, strife, deceit, malicious, gossip slander haters of God, insolent, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless, idolatrous, blasphemous, drunken, proud, sexually evil, thieves, greedy, revilers, swindlers, whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, crossdressing, hypocrisy, sower of discord, etc...

Leviticus 18:23, Proverbs 6:16-19, Mark 7:21-23, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Revelation 21:8, 1 Timothy 1:8-11, Matthew 5:28, Romans 1:29-31, Romans 1:24-27, Galatians 5:21, Colossians 3:4-10, Psalm 59:12, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, James 4:17, 1 Corinthians 6:16-20, Mark 10:11-12, Ephesians 5:5, Titus 3:3, 1 Peter 2:1, etc...

Vv 8-9 Different Fathers, Different Nature

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John 8:41-44

"You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father--God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. "You are of [your] father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own [resources], for he is a liar and the father of it.

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MEDITATION VERSE

I John 3:2
Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.



BENEDICTION

2 John 1:3
Grace, mercy, [and] peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.