



Series: 1 John

Lesson: 8. Children of God

Passage: 1 John 2:28–3:3

STRONGLY Recommended Reading: 1 John (weekly) & Gospel of John
(at least once during our study)

- **Children of God _____ in Christ. (v28)**
 - παιδίον [*paidiōn*] (v18) –
vs.
τέκνον [*tēknōn*] (v28ff) –
 - What does it mean to ‘abide in Him’?
 - Mostly refers to Christ (cf. John 15:4–6), but can be taken more broadly here
 - To abide is to _____
 - The importance of the Parousia (παρουσία)

• **Children of God _____ Their Father. (v29)**

- How we are assured of salvation: actual

- Righteousness becomes a spiritual/observational

_____ test.

Luke 3:8–9 – Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

• **Children of God _____ Their Father. (vv1–3)**

- In Christ, we become true children of God.

Rom. 8:14–17 – For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

- This connection explains why the world does not know us.
 - This is why they _____ us (cf. John 15:18–24)
 - We should expect a similar response from the world as God.

- Whenever we ‘grow up,’ we will be like God: there are spiritual & experiential realities to this.

- We are called to an _____ pursuit of holiness in the meantime.
 - We want to please our Father.
 - We want to be ready for the Parousia.

*1 Thess. 3:12–13 – and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; ¹³so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the **coming** of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.*

*1 Thess. 5:23–24 – Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.*

What Do We Do with These Truths?

1. Remember Who your _____ is.

2. Live with the _____ in mind.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is important about God being our Father and not just our god? What is different about those two relationships?
2. How should remembering that God is our Father affect the way we make decisions and live our lives?
3. How should the Parousia change how you think about day-to-day life?
4. Explain a healthy view of 'living to be ready for the end.'

Blanks: Abide, remain, Take After, sanctification, paternity, Imitate, hate, active, Father, end