





Theological: Truth
2:28-3:10



Moral: Holiness
3:11-18

Social: Love
4:1-6

So now, little children, remain in him so that when he appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you know this as well: Everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

1 John 2:28-29



*See what great love the Father has
given us that we should be called God's
children—and we are!*

1 John 3:1

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Psalm 8



The reason the world does not know us is that it didn't know him.

1 John 3:1

Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is.

1 John 3:2



He will appear



We will see him

We will be like him

*And everyone who has this hope in him
purifies himself just as he is pure.*





“No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear. I am not afraid, but the sensation is like being afraid. The same fluttering in the stomach, the same restlessness, the yawning. I keep on swallowing.”

C.S. Lewis

A Grief Observed

*"The heart is deceitful above all things
and desperately sick, who can
understand it?"
Jeremiah 17:19*



*We are all prone to look around and
see only ourselves.*



Everyone who commmits sin practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

1 John 3:4

You know that he was revealed so that he might take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Everyone who remains in him does not sin; everyone who sins has not seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

1 John 3:5-7

The one who commits sin is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the devil's works. Everyone who has been born of God does not sin, because his seed remains in him; he is not able to sin, because he has been born of God. This is how God's children and the devil's children become obvious. Whoever does not do what is right is not of God, especially the one who does not love his brother or sister.

1 John 3:8-10

The set up: (4,8)



The terrible fact of sin (4,8)

The purpose of Christ coming (5,8)

The conclusion: (6,9)

- 1. Recognize the sinfulness of sin.*
- 2. See sin's absolute incompatibility with Christ.*
- 3. Hold all John has written in balance.*

Clarity regarding the truth of Christ

Clarity regarding the truth of sin

Clarity regarding the necessity of love



*Increased clarity brings
increased certainty*