

The Child of God

I John 3:1-3.

I. His Relationships

A. To the Father

1. Object of His Love

a. Manner of this love

b. Time of the giving of this love - "hath bestowed"

c. Recipients of this love - "us"

2. Members of His family - "children of God"

B. To the world - unknown by it

1. Meaning of the term "world"

2. Reasons for the world's blindness towards us

a. Because of our relation to the Father

b. Because of the world's relation to the Father

II. His Prospect

A. Based on his present state

1. A child of God

2. Not fully manifested

B. Nature of it - "we shall ~~see him as~~ be like him"

1. Consummation of this - "when He shall appear"

2. Certainty of this - "we know"

C. Guarantee - "we shall see Him as He is"

III. His Conduct

A. Motive - hope

1. The one who hopes

2. The one in whom the hope is placed

B. Character - purity

1. Self-purification

2. Standard - Him