

## **1 John 3 We Shall Be Like Him!**

- Excited about hearing the good news about women's day.
- Pumped about Kendra's baptism today.
- So encouraging to see Art Henson my brother who was here in Portland when I was at UNH.

-I know a lot of people have felt a lot of things after the election. Came to drop off kids at school the next day and people were crying and feeling it.

I wanted to a couple of scriptures with you before we jump into 1 John 3

"I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed."

### **Malachi 3:6**

**6** So we say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?"[b]

**7** Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. **8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

### **Hebrews 13:6-8**

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— **2** for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. **3** This is good, and pleases God our Savior, **4** who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. **1 Timothy 2:1-6**

### **Show these two verses vs. 1-2 Slide**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

#### **1. How great is the Love the Father has lavished on us - vs 1**

How great is the love that Father has lavished on us.

He so loved the world that he gave his one and only son - John 3:16

He so lavished us that he gave us every good and perfect gift - James 1:16-17

He so loved us that he determined the exact times and the places we should live so that we might reach out to him and find him though he is not far from each one of us.

He has so loved us that he is rich and mercy and is faithful to us till the end.  
He has so loved us that he is patient with us not wanting anyone to perish.  
He so loved us that he gave us choice  
He so loved us that he gave us life  
He so loved us that he will make us immortal.

## **2. We are Children of God - Children are like their father - vs 2**

Children look like their parents, children resemble their parents, and this is what John says, like father like son, like daughter. We were made and reborn as children of God and that is what we are.

When he appears we shall be like him.

## **3. We Shall be Like Him - vs. 2-24**

***The man who knows that God is at the end of the road will make all life a preparation to meet his God.***

Israel, **prepare to meet your God.**” **Amos 4:12**

**John believes that in Christ a man will be like Christ; and that, therefore in Christ a man will at last bear the image of the likeness of God. It is John’s belief that only through the work of Chris in his soul can a man reach true manhood, or womanhood. The manhood God mean for us to reach is likeness with God.**

**There are marks of the children of God.**

**- Righteous like him**

Vs. 9 - Doesn’t mean that you are perfect but the seed - Holy Spirit or Word of God will complete it’s work in you.

The life of a Christian is not consistent in a life of sin but rather a sanctification process. John is not suggesting that the believer is completely free from sin, but that the Christian’s life is not characterized by sin, which is the mark of a follower of Satan, who has been sinning from the beginning.

**- Love like him - Jesus Christ - laying down their life for us.**

**- What is Love?**

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the

love of God be in that person? **18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.