

Series "Following After God"
"The Coming Life"
1 John 2:28-3:3
Study-7

God's Plan of Salvation is all-inclusive; it covers all – Past, Present and Future.

2 Cor 5:10

Now we are going to look at 1 John 2:28-3:10 – Maintaining Righteousness:

1. Verses 28-29 – The Divine Origin:

2. Verses 1-3 – The Unique Privileges:

1. Verses 28-29 – The Divine Origin:

1 John 2:28

1 John 2:29

"born of Him" occurs 10X from here to the end of the book.

little children: "My little born ones, oneness of nature"; this term is used 7X in 1 John.

"abide in Him"; "remain, dwell" speaks of union and communion. Moral Test of Obedience or (Righteousness)

Meeting God With Confidence: we may have confidence "all out-spoken, frankness, bluntness"; Son talking to his father versus a slave talking to his owner.

Phil 3:3

Phil 3:7-9

Meeting God With Shame: and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

2 Cor 5:9

1 John 2:29

that He is righteous; "equitable (in character or act); innocent, holy (absolute) just, right". 1 John 3:5

Psalm 145:17

God is holy, and because God is holy, He is only capable of doing that which is consistent with His nature, which is that of being holy. It is impossible for God to do anything other than what is holy, just and right.

James 1:17

1. Doctrine of Imputed Righteousness (Positional Righteousness); is born of Him.
2. Doctrine of Sanctification (Practical Righteousness); you know that everyone also who practices righteousness

Doctrine – "The Imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ" is born of Him. Or "begotten of Him"

Romans 3:10-12

Gen. 15:6

1. Believe – The right one which is Jesus. Place your life in His hands!
2. Reckoned (Counted) – Financial term. Imputed or credited.
3. Righteous – Status or standing in God eyes. (God sees us through Jesus)

Justification – "Is the act of God whereby He declares the believing sinner righteous in Christ on the basis of the finished work of Christ on the cross."

2 Cor 5:21

Positional Righteousness (Imputed)

Practical Righteousness (Sanctification)

Perfection Through Righteousness

you know that everyone who practices righteousness; this word "know" – "a knowledge gained by experience and observation"

Doctrine – “The Practical Righteousness”; Sanctification – you know that everyone who practices righteousness

Note that John says “who practices righteousness”, not professes but practices. John has made clear that words alone don’t get it, but walk!

Eph. 5:1

Practices righteousness – The term “Practices” is in the present tense; “this is not incidental but ongoing, it is habitual. It is the ongoing practice that is ever increasing in the life of the Christian.”

1 John 3:8

2. Verses 1-3 – The Unique Privileges:

1 John 3:1

John States 3 Privileges of the Believer:

1. Verse 1 – Privilege of God’s Love – “See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us”, may be translated, “Behold, what peculiar, out-of-this-world kind of love the Father has bestowed on us.”

how great or KJV “what manner” speaks of “surprise mingled with wonder and astonishment.” Matt 8:27

Unselfish Love –

Righteous Love –

Enduring Love –

Sacrificial Love –

Knowledge and Love –

2. Verse 1 – Privilege of Admission to God’s Family - that we should be called children of God;

children of God; Greek literally, “Born Ones” referring to believers that have been born again, part of the family of God. This follows the previous verse 1 John 2:29

Luke 8:21

1 Thess 2:14-15

1 John 3:2

3. Verses 2-3 – Privilege of Future Sharing in God’s Glory - and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be.

The Full Disclosure Is Future -

Phil 3:20-21

Doctrine of Glorification - Sinless Perfection Through God’s Righteousness.

1 John 3:3

purifies – “putting away all that that makes one dirty, moral and spiritual cleansing”; It is habitual, it is ongoing.

2 Peter 3:11-14

Application:

1. If Jesus Returned Today, Would I Meet Him With Confidence or Shame?
2. Am I marked as a child of God because practical righteousness is being lived out habitually (Growing) in me?
3. Does God’s Love Still Amaze Me? His love is not of this world.
4. Am I in Awe of God’s Acceptance of Me into His Family?
5. Do I Know that I will Share God’s Glory? That what I am is not what I shall be.