

**Children! Of God! (I John 2:28 – 3:10)**

**Introduction**

- How many types of person are there in the world?
- What, according to 3:10, are they?
- What is one of the main reasons why John is writing?

**i Our status as children (2:28 – 3:1)**

- What, according to 2:28, will be the two possible responses to Jesus when He returns?
- What happens to John when he mentions being born of God in 2:29?
- The MWBLV translation of 3:1 is as follows: “Just look what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God! And we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.” What is the significance of the words “Just look...”?
- What is the significance of the words “...what kind of love...”?
- What is the significance of the words “...the Father has given to us...”?
- What has God’s love done for us?
- Why is this so extraordinarily brilliant?
- What does it mean to you that you are a child of God?
- What will it do to us if we ponder our status as children of God?

**ii Our future as children (3:2)**

- How does the world typically view Christians (3:1)?
- Why does this not matter too much (3:2)?

- What happens to John here?
- What does John reveal about our future state as children of God?
- What else will be true of us?
- What is our present status as children meant to do to us as we think about the future?

#### ii Our lifestyle as children (3:3-10)

- What is the truth stated in 3:3?
- What does John state about sin in 3:4
- And what does he state about Jesus in 3:5?
- And what does he say about people in 3:6?
- What are the two sides in 3:7-10?
- What did Jesus come to earth to do?
- How do the children of the devil behave?
- How do the children of God behave, and why?
- In this whole section, what is John showing about Christians and sin?
- Why, then, do we sin so easily?
- What could we do this week to help ourselves in our war against sin?
- What do you need if you have not passed this test of obedience?