



**Series** How Can You Be Sure?

**Passage** 1 John 3:1-3

**Title** Behold the Love of God

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**Discussion Starter** – What do you see as the best of all the benefits that are mentioned in 1 John 3:1-3? Describe the reason behind your choice.

### **Behold the Love of God** (1 John 3:1)

- John wants us first to stop and meditate, and then behold what manner of love God has bestowed upon us. Describe in your own words the meaning of God bestowing His love. How has God bestowed His love in your life?
- What makes us slow to believe the love of God? Why can't unsaved people understand God's love?
- Read 1 John 3:1 and 1 Peter 4:3-5. Reflect back on your own life and describe how your relationship to the world has changed and why.
- Read Matthew 5:11-12 and Luke 6:26. What insights do we gain from these scriptures that outline what we should expect to see and not see from the "unsaved" who are in the world? What impact should this have on our lives as Christians?

### **God Has Yet to Reveal What You Shall Be** (1 John 3:2)

- Describe the essence of what John is conveying to us as Christians in verse 2.
- How relaxed are you about being flawed? What are some of the dangers we see of beating ourselves up over our faults?
- Read Romans 7:14-8:2 and Romans 5:20-21. What insights do these verses give us about the nature of living in a corruptible body even though we have been spiritually reborn? What is your biggest takeaway from these verses?

### **Everyone Who Has Hope in Christ Purifies Himself** (1 John 3:3)

- Describe in your own words how you would explain the hope that you have as a Christian.
- Read Ezekiel 11:19-20 and Jeremiah 31:33. What does God provide in these verses that gives the Christian this new hope? What is the relationship between this hope we have and the desire to purify ourselves? Describe how this has been revealed in your life.