# I John 3:1-3

## 3 Effects of God's Amazing Love In Our Lives



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# Background/Context

- Author:  The Apostle John, called the “Beloved”
- Audience: Written (90-95 AD) to believers in and around Ephesus

- Setting: Churches had dealt with false teachers; much disappointment and confusion

- John encouraged believers and churches to remember God’s supernatural love

# Provides Opportunity For Salvation

- (vv. 1-2a) John begins section with a call to attention!
- “behold”: don’t miss, pay careful attention, be mindful

- “manner of love”: what style, variety, kind; this love very special
- “bestowed”: to give to, to lavish upon greatly

- God’s love changes our position; we now adopted into God’s family

- Rom. 8:16, “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

- Eph. 1:5, “…having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,…”




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# Elevates Us To A Glorious Identity

- (vv. 2b-2c) Believers are children of God NOW, but the complete results of this aren't fully realized until later

- There will be a majestic return: Jesus is coming back

- There will be a magnificent renewal: Believers will receive a glorified, perfected, body and soul

- There will be a meaningful recognition: We will see Jesus!

- I Corinthians 15:42-43, “So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.  It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.  It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.”



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# It Becomes A Guide For Living

- (v. 3) John shared, what we believe about the future affects the way we live today

- “this hope” – refers to (v. 2)
- “hope” – confident expectation of good because of Jesus
- “in Him” – the believer’s hope is in Jesus, not anything worldly

- Jesus’ return motivates a life or being set apart and clean

- Titus 2:11-13, “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,…”

