

The Essentials of Our Faith – Studies In I John #10

Children of God
I John 2:27-3:1

I. Abiding In Him VS 27-28

- A.** Anointing abides
- B.** And teaches you
- C.** Abide in Him
- D.** Creates
 - Awareness
 - Truth and lie
 - Confidence when He comes again

II. Recognize The True VS 29-3:1

- A.** If you know
 - Clear, unqualified
 - Fullest degree
- B.** You may be sure – (know)
 - By means of observation
 - You'll know it because you will see it!
- C.** Righteous
 - God behaving as God
 - If you know how God behaves then you will know that whoever behaves like God is born of Him
- D.** Love that satisfies justice
 - Illustrations
 - Unselfish, self-giving, willing to suffer
 - To meet another's need
 - Not just helpful
 - But, I Corinthians 13:1-3
 - Justice and love
- E.** Illustration VS 1
 - How God loves us
 - Where does this happen?
 - How God saw us
 - 1.** Romans 5:6
 - 2.** Romans 5:8
 - 3.** Romans 5:10
 - What amazing love!
 - Not everyone is called a child of God

1. Galatians 3:26

- This is the extent of God's love, consistent with justice = righteousness
- When we act this way we show we are children of God; whatever else we may be

- F.** The world doesn't recognize this because they didn't recognize Jesus
 - I Corinthians 1:18

III. Thoughts

- A.** Abiding means:
 - Accepting His evaluation of the past
 - Accepting His provisions for the present
 - 1.** Philippians 2:12-13
 - 2.** Results are guaranteed – II Corinthians 2:14
 - 3.** Undisclosed resource – Galatians 2:20
 - Trust His assessment of the future
 - 1.** What He does in and through you is pleasing to Him
 - 2.** Jude 24
- B.** Why the world doesn't see righteousness and believe
 - Jesus
 - Mother Teresa
 - Salvation Army
 - Missionaries
 - Individual Christian commitments to serve out of love
 - They say, good works, etc.
 - Seeing is believing, they say, but they are blind
 - Believing is seeing the truth
 - 1.** Faith leads to sight
- C.** So we need power to produce righteousness,
 - Colossians 1:11
 - Endurance and patience
 - With joy
 - God's power
 - To produce His righteousness in us