

***Let's Dismiss our Kids
to Kid's Quest!***



Our Text:

I John 2:28-3:18!

Our Title:

***Putting God's Passion Into
Practice!***

Our Theme:

Fellowship!

John's Approach!

In chapter one John presents himself as a loyal pastor. In the remaining chapters he presents himself as a loving parent challenging his children to step back and call a time out in their busy lives, so that they can examine where they are in their relationship with God!

The apostle's motive is to give the believer a chance to examine his /her life:

Salvation / Sanctification / Service!

Thus, the apostle's message is most clear:

Fellowship is proven by Obedience.

Obedience is the result of Love.

Love is the means to true Fellowship!

Today's Application!

In John's day the believer struggled over the unfair circumstances he faced daily. Because he had placed his faith in Jesus, he was being hunted down, persecuted, and when captured put to death. Death lingered around every corner.

To help encourage the Christian, John exhorted him to focus on the things above. He warned of the dangers of becoming entangled in the things of the world. **Today John's words continue to encourage and exhort us as well, for we face similar circumstances. We too find ourselves being rejected by the world. We too sense the soon coming of persecution!**

Today's Application!



Today's Application / Video!



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Article Six of the United States Constitution

Establishes the laws and treaties of the United States as the supreme law of the land, and forbids a religious test as a requirement for holding a government office or position.

Yet Article Six of the Constitution was ignored when President Trump picked, Mr. Russell T. Vought, to fill the position of Budget Director. Beware!



Let's Read the Text!

I John 2:28-3:18!



Let's Review Our Study So Far!

In Chapter One:

The CONDITION needed for Fellowship!

Focus: On a correct understanding of the Incarnation!

In Chapter Two:

The CONDUCT resulting from Fellowship!

Focus: Fellowship / Obedience / Love / Fellowship!

In Chapter Three:

The CHARACTERISTICS of Fellowship!

Focus: Inward Purity / Outward Practice!

The Big Picture of Chapter Three!

I. The CHARACTERISTICS of Fellowship!

A. (3:1-18) The Believer's Love is Proof of His/Her ABIDING Relationship with God.

B. (3:19-24) The Believer's Love is Returned through ANSWERED Prayer.



Chapters 2:28-3:18

III. The Characteristics of Fellowship!

A. (2:28-3:3) True Fellowship is Characterized by PURITY!

1. (vs.28-29) An OVERVIEW of John's teaching.

a. (v.28) The Plea for PURITY.

**1.) The Plea: Abide in the truth of Christ's
Incarnation (1:7, 2:1-2, 12).**

**2.) The Point: Abiding brings assurance
and not shame (1:9, 2:1-2).**

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b. (v.29) The Plea to PRACTICE (look like Christ)

**Since you know the righteousness of Christ (1:5),
you can identify those who belong to Him
because they walk in the light of Jesus (2:6).**

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2. (3:1-3) An OBSERVATION of the truth.

a. (v.1) The Wonder of the truth:

1.) See/Behold God's love for His children.

2.) See/Behold how we have become God's family.

3.) See/Behold how God has declared it so.

4.) See/Behold how we are rejected / just like

Jesus.

***Since we freely receive God's heavenly blessings,
we should willingly accept the world's rejection.***

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b. (v.2) The Wisdom of the moment.

1.) The Reality: Because of God's love – family!

2.) The Rejection: B/c of God's love – rejected!

3.) The Revelation: B/c of God's love –

we'll see Him!

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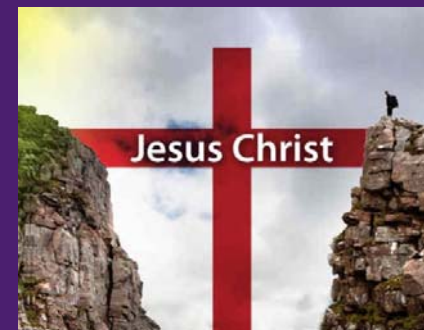
a. (v.1) The Wonder of the truth.

b. (v.2) The Wisdom of the moment.

c. (v.3) The Walk while we wait:

1.) Everyone who fixes his hope on Him – pure!

2.) We are pure – because He is pure (2:1-2)!



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It is here that John will drive home his point. Since Jesus came in the flesh to pay for the sins of the flesh, and since Jesus died to pay the debt owed by the sinner (so that we might have an eternal relationship with Him) why would those who claim to understand the price of God's great sacrifice, and claim to have accepted God's wondrous grace, want to continue to live a life of sin?

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a. (v.4) The Principle: The apostate loves sin!

b.(v.5) The Point: Jesus came to destroy sin!

**c. (v.6) The Pronouncement: Those who practice
sin don't know Him!
(2:6,19)**

The Characteristics of Fellowship!

B. (3:4-18) Fellowship Produces Character when PRACTICED!

1. (vs.4-6) Godly Wisdom.

2. (vs.7-10) Godly Warning:

After driving home the truth that Jesus came to earth to take away sin, John issues a warning.

***a. (v.7a) The Plea: Don't be pulled away by sin.
(Matt.5:13-16, John 13:34-35)***

***b. (vs.7b-8) The Point: Those who deceive are
easily recognized.***

***c. (vs.9-10) The Principle: A child looks like
his father.***

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- 3. (vs.11-17) Godly Writings:***

***The believer's character should parallel
those who have gone before him
(those described in God's Word).***

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3. (vs. 11-17) Godly Writings:

***a. (v. 11) The Past Message: Love one another!
(Lev. 19:18 / Deut. 6:5f / I Jo. 4:7-8)***

***b. (v. 12) The Past Murderer: Lust cause Murder!
(Gen. 4:8 / His terms not God's)***

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3. (vs.11-17) Godly Writings.

c. (vs.13-17) The Conclusion: Abide and Live!

1.) (v.13) Be Clear: The world hates you (3:1).

2.) (v.14-17) Be Cautious: Don't be fooled!

a. (vs.14-15) You know the difference between those who love and those who lust!

b. (vs.16-17) You know that you have been called to follow Christ's example (offers life) and not the example of Cain (leads to death)!

4. (v.18) Godly Wisdom. Do not continue to be immature! (walk in the footsteps of Jesus) (Practice Purity)

James 2:14-19!

What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?"

The Outline of I John!

- I. (1:1-2:2) The **CONDITIONS** needed
for fellowship.
- II. (2:3-27) The **CONDUCT** resulting
from fellowship.
- III. (2:28-3:24) The **CHARACTERISTICS**
produced in fellowship.
- IV. (4:1-21) The **CAUTION** when
seeking fellowship.
- V. (5:1-21) The **CONSEQUENCES**
of true fellowship.

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