



May 15th

Passage: 1 John 3:1-10

Glad you're back, missed ya!

Today John continues teaching us about who we are in Christ as the beloved Children of God.

What a thing to think on... *you are the beloved Child of God.*

Before we begin... pray... thank the Lord for his heart for **you!**

READ & DIG. Read 1 John 3:1-10 (underline every that sticks out to you!)

(V1) WE ARE REJECTED BECAUSE CHRIST WAS REJECTED

John is teaching his readers something big here – the world won't know you... John means, when you live your faith out, when you take the name of Jesus, people may look at you like you are crazy... Why? Because the world didn't and doesn't know Jesus... Sounds crazy... the created not recognizing the Creator. But this is what John is saying in V1 and Jesus said this very thing as he encouraged his followers in Matt. 10:22 saying, "*and you will be hated by all for my name's sake.*" The world will reject us but take heart – the world rejected Jesus.

(V2-3;5) JESUS MAKES US PURE

What Jesus provides for us is not an easy life, it's not a lot of friends or a lot of money. What Jesus offers us is holiness before God. Because of our sin, we are separated from a holy God who has commanded us to be perfect. The great news of the gospel is that Jesus gives that holiness to us through his work on the cross and his resurrection! This is *why* Jesus came, look at v5 – "*You know that he appeared in order to take away sins...*" We had a problem, but Jesus had a mission! A mission he completed... we can find purity in him. He washes our filthiness, our past, our current our future, our sin... he cleans us! In Christ you are **clean**.

(V4-10) OUR LIVES DISPLAY OUR HEARTS

V10 it seems captures the entire thoughts of John in V4-10... He says, "*By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God. Nor is the one who does not love his brother.*" John draws the line between those who follow God and those who don't follow God. John is saying those who follow Jesus do not live in sin. You see, someone who is living sin, show that they are not truly a child of God. Yes, of course we all have sin struggles, battles we are fighting minute-by-minute. That's just the question, is there even a struggle? Are you fighting against sin? This is a telling picture of your walk with Jesus!

Apply & GO

SO – Those who have been made pure through the work of Jesus may be rejected by the world, but they will live for him!

- Have you been made pure through Jesus' work on the cross? If not, trust in him...! He makes us pure... washes us clean!
- Does your life display the love of Christ? This love is seen in the follower of Christ striving to kill sin, living and loving like Jesus!