

Love's Great Quest

1 John 3:1-3

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1 John 3:1 (NASB95)

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.

“Love is nothing more than a highly refined, socially acceptable form of self-centeredness.”

We love what is most precious to us.

But how do we grasp God's love? We are invited . . .

We measure God's love by what it cost Him to redeem us.

1 John 4:9–10 (NASB95)

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Romans 8:32 (ESV)

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NASB95)

that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them...

We measure the love of God by the relationship we now have with Him as His children.

1 John 3:1 (NASB95)

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.

1 John 3:10a (ESV)

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil . . .

John 8:44a (ESV)

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.

1 John 5:1 (ESV)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God

1 John 2:29b (ESV)

. . . everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

1 John 4:7b (ESV)

. . . whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

John 1:12 (NET)

But to all who have received him—those who believe in his name—he has given the right to become God's children

Romans 5:8 (NASB95)

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Being God's children often means rejection by those who aren't.

1 John 3:1 (NASB95)

For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

Being God's child means we have the best future imaginable!

1 John 3:2 (NASB95)

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

1 John 3:3 (NASB95)

3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

We say "no," by the power of God to many things we have said "yes" to.

We say "yes" to the prompting of God's Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:14–16 (NASB95)

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God

James 1:21 (NLT)

21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls