

# 1 JOHN

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Lesson 4

1 John 3:1-12

As we continue our study of 1 John, we are welcomed into the family of God. As you read Chapter 3, read it as a member of a close family—God’s family, our new family—one in which we have been adopted as sons and daughters of God. In this context, see if the Holy Spirit doesn’t give you special insight into this passage of scripture.

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***Please read 1 John 3:1-12, and then consider the following:***

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1. In 1 John 3:1-3, John tells us that we are to be called "the children of God." Read Galatians 3:26, Ephesians 4:6, and Hebrews 3:1. What does each verse tell us about being a part of God’s family?
  - a. Galatians 3:26
  - b. Ephesians 4:6
  - c. Hebrews 3:1
2. How did we become children of God? See Luke 18:15-17, John 3:3, Romans 8:12-17, and Galatians 4:1-7.
  - a. Luke 18:15-17
  - b. John 3:3
  - c. Romans 8:12-17
  - d. Galatians 4:1-7
3. List some of the things that are different about your life because you are now a member of the family of God.
  
4. When you consider your old life and walk with the world, and compare that life and walk with your current one, what is the single greatest blessing, i.e., the thing that you are most thankful for, that you did not have before you became a member of God’s family? How has God blessed you since He made you a part of His family

5. When I consider my walk with Him, three verses readily come to mind: Jeremiah 29:11, Luke 18:27, and Romans 8:28. They give me hope and joy in terms of being a part of God's family during times of struggle. This is a hope and joy that I would not otherwise have apart from His presence. What verses come to mind for you? How has God's Word spoken to you?
- a. Jeremiah 29:11
  
  - b. Luke 18:27
  
  - c. Romans 8:28
6. In light of the family that we are a part of, 1 John 3:4-12 refers to our brothers and to us as "little children." Can you also see a different group of "little children" that John refers to in the same passage?
7. How can we tell the difference between the two groups of "little children?"
8. Read 1 John 3:9 and 1 John 1:10. How can John say that both things are true? See Galatians 5:16-26, Romans 7:20, and Romans 7:25.
- a. Galatians 5:16-26
  
  
  
  
  - b. Romans 7:20
  
  
  - c. Romans 7:25

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Have a great week everyone!

In Christ,

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