

### Big Idea

If you have hope, you will walk in the light with confidence and align your life with truth!

### 1 John 2:28–3:3

...and now dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears, we may be confident and unashamed before Him. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right is born of Him. How great is the love the father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God.

And that is what we are! Now dear friends, we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him like He is. Every one who has this hope, purifies himself just as He is pure.

### I. Evidences of a Child of God

- A. They are Born of God.
- B. Their hope is in God.
- C. They purify themselves.

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- C. Is God in control? YES

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  - C. Defense against your doubts and fears.

- V. You can have confidence that...
- A. You are a believer.
  - B. You will not be ashamed when He returns.
  - C. You will be like Him.

1 John 3:4–6

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him.

1 John 3:7–8

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

1 John 3:9–10

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

VI. What is the devil's work? He leads you astray. How?

- A. He prevents you from hearing the truth.
- B. He prevents you from acting on the truth.
- C. If he fails, he will try to send you into heaven limping by...

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