



## Sermon Notes



Our hope is that you were challenged by Sunday's message and would desire to take the study a little deeper. Whether for personal study, family study, or for a Home Group gathering, use this study to go deeper.

### Open

**January 28, 2018**

*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 3:1a*

We should never tire of this! Think of the words that the Bible uses to describe God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Once you've made that astounding list of names and titles, put at the top of the page, "FATHER!" Or, "DADDY!" It's crazy that it was simply His love that made that a reality for each of us.

Earthly adoption is interesting as it relates to our heavenly heritage. Someone who looks nothing like his/her earthly parents begins to resemble them in all sorts of ways. At least that is what we hope, right? Devastating feelings would overwhelm us to have our Dad say, "My son/daughter, you look like someone else's child. You don't look like Me right now."

### Main Point

Abiding always produces resemblance. It matters with what, or whom, we abide because we will be seen as children of one Father or another.

### Read

1 John 3:1-10; Romans 8:28-39; [Reflect on: Acts 4:13]

### Discuss

- What kind of faith does it require to ACTUALLY BELIEVE that God is forming Christ in each of us? What in our lives makes that believable or unbelievable?
- Why would the expectation of seeing Jesus in His full glory purify us? How?
- What does it look like when we "practice" sin? What are some helpful ways we break the cycle of habitual or common sin struggles for each of us?
- How does John say sinlessness is possible? How would you describe it in your own words?
- By the end (v. 10), John gives two simple standards for identifying us with God, or the devil. What are those two things? Why does he not write "loving (or not loving) God" as one of the characteristics?



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