

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)*

## **Look Like**

**Have you ever wondered what you will look like?** I'm not sure what you mean. **You do know that I am molding and shaping your life every day. You are the work of my hands. You are my masterpiece. I am making you into the person I have called you to be. I am helping you to live the life that I have called you to live.** Yes, I know it is true that you are doing your work in me, for me and through me. There is not one part of my heart and mind and life that you are leaving untouched. Day-by-day you are changing my heart, transforming my mind and guiding my life. **That's right. So, I will ask you again, "Have you ever wondered what you will look like when you are my completed work?"** That seems obvious to me. **Really? Tell me what you will look like.** I think you are asking me a trick question. **Why do you say that?** If you asked me to tell you who I would look like the answer might be too obvious. I'm sure that you wanted me to think about your question a little longer and far more deeply. **That's right.** Anyhow, I know that you want me to look like your Son, Jesus Christ. **That's true.**

**How have I been changing you day-by-day? How have I been changing your heart, transforming your mind and guiding your life?** You have been changing me day-by-day as I have come into your presence. I have met with you in your word. I have met with you in prayer. I have met with you in worship. You have allowed me to draw near to you. You have drawn near to me as I have drawn near to you. I cannot be in your presence and remain unchanged. **That's right.** As I am in your presence you are making me to be like your Son. This work of yours will only end when I come to see you face to face. Then I will be completely changed. Now, I see in part, then I will see in full, then I will be completely changed. **Yes, you will. Make this your hope.** Yes Lord, I will.

*Lord, it is so exciting that I will come to look like you. That is the desire of my heart and mind. That is the goal of my life. I want to think your thoughts, speak your words and do your deeds. Day by day make me like you until I come to see you face to face. Amen*

**God's Will***Children Of God*

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! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now 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 as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

NIV

1 John 3:1-3

**God's Will***God's Children*

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

NLT

1 John 3:1-3

**God's Will***God's Children*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

NRSV

1 John 3:1-3

**God's Will***Children Of God*

SEE WHAT [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named *and* called *and* counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him. Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes *and* is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble *and* be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is.

AMP

1 John 3:1-3

**God's Will***Children Of God*

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 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. And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

NASB

1 John 3:1-3

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See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

ESV

1 John 3:1-3

**God's Will***Children Of God*

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

NKJV

1 John 3:1-3

**God's Will***Children Of God*

What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to. But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see him—and in seeing him, become like him. All of us who look forward to his Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

MSG

1 John 3:1-3

**God's Will***His Children*

See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children—think of it—and we really *are!* But since most people don't know God, naturally they don't understand that we are his children. Yes, dear friends, we are already God's children, right now, and we can't even imagine what it is going to be like later on. But we do know this, that when he comes we will be like him, as a result of seeing him as he really is. And everyone who really believes this will try to stay pure because Christ is pure.

TLB

1 John 3:1-3

**God's Will***Children Of God*

The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. The reason the people in the world do not know us is that they have not known him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and we have not yet been shown what we will be in the future. But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like him, because we will see him as he really is. Christ is pure, and all who have this hope in Christ keep themselves pure like Christ.

NCV

1 John 3:1-3

# Children Of God

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**God's Will** – 1 John 3:1-3

**In Context:** Read 1 John 3

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, it is so exciting that I will come to look like you. That is the desire of my heart and mind. That is the goal of my life. I want to think your thoughts, speak your words and do your deeds. Day by day make me like you until I come to see you face to face. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**How are you keeping your hope firmly fixed on Jesus Christ as you love, follow and serve Him?**

Why will keeping your hope firmly fixed on Jesus Christ help you to live a life of purity?

**What has the Lord been using to change you day by day so you can become more like Him?**

How has meeting with the Lord in His word been changing you?

How has meeting with the Lord in prayer been changing you?

How has meeting with the Lord in worship been changing you?

**Why can you not remain the same when you are regularly meeting with the Lord?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Keep your hope firmly fixed on Jesus Christ so you can live the life of purity He has called you to live.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will change you, day by day as you keep your hope firmly fixed on Him.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how Jesus Christ has been changing you as you keep your hope on Him.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May your hope be firmly fixed on Jesus Christ so you can live the life of purity you have been called to live.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will keep my hope firmly fixed on you so I can live the life of purity you have called me to live.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what do you want to change in me as I keep my hope firmly fixed on you?*

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