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I Love You

Do you see it? Can you perceive it? Do you know it? You are going to have to be more specific. Do I see what? Can I perceive what? Do I know what? **Do you know how much I love you?** That is a very good question. I want to see and perceive and know how much you love me. Sometimes, I think that something is wrong with me, in that I don't know how much you love me. It is the desire of my heart to know much more, how you love me. I have no doubt that there is no limit to your love for me. But my seeing and perceiving and knowing your love for me is muted and blurred, I could say it is not crystal clear. **Let me ask you a question.** I'm listening. You have my full attention. **What is the best that I could do for you? If I could demonstrate my love to you, how could I do it? If you could ask me for anything, what would you ask?** I would ask you to be my Heavenly Father. I would ask you to make me to be your child. I would ask you to help me to know and love and follow and serve you with all that is within me. I would ask you to help me to live in an intimate relationship with you. I would ask you to help me to hear your voice leading and guiding me through life. I would ask you to forgive my sins and cleanse my unrighteousness. I would ask you to make me as pure and as white as snow. I would ask you to be my Savior and Lord. I would ask you to make me to be like you, day by day, as I love and follow and serve you. I would ask you to one day, when I see you face to face, to make me to be just like you. I would ask you to have a place in heaven where I could one day come to live with you forever. **You have asked well. Let me ask you two more questions. If I have been and will continue to do all these things for you, would you better see and perceive and know my love for you? Yes Lord, I would. Will I not do all these things for you today, tomorrow and forever? Yes Lord, I know you are doing all these things for me. Then your knowledge of my love for you is not as muted and blurred as you think. But you are correct, you do not see crystal clearly. But one day you will see clearly, when we meet face to face.** Thank you, Heavenly Father, for your love for me. I will wait with eager expectation the day when I will be completely changed in your presence. **That is very good.**

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me and making me to be one of your children. Thank you for helping me to be more like Christ. It is my eager expectation that one day I will fully be like Him when I see Him face to face. Help me to be pure as He is pure. Amen

Promises*We Shall Be Like 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! 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

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NLT

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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

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Promises*We Shall... Be Like Him*

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

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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

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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

Promises*We Shall Be Like Him*

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

Promises*Become Like Him*

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

Promises*We Will Be Like Him*

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

Promises*We Will Be Like Him*

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

We Will Be Like Him

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – 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?)***

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me and making me to be one of your children. Thank you for helping me to be more like Christ. It is my eager expectation that one day I will fully be like Him when I see Him face to face. Help me to be pure as He is pure. Amen

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

How comforting and encouraging is it for you to know that you are one of God's children?

How have you been able to observe how much your Heavenly Father loves you?

What has your Heavenly Father done for you that demonstrates His love for you?

How is your Heavenly Father helping you to come to know Him intimately?

How are you becoming more like the Lord as you love, follow and serve Him?

How is your eager expectation of becoming like Christ helping you to be pure as He is pure?

How can others recognize by your thoughts and words and action that you are becoming like Christ?

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

Allow your eager expectation of becoming like Christ to help you to be pure as He is pure.

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

Have faith that you will become more like Christ now and continuing until that day you see Him face to face.

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

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is helping you daily to become more like 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?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May your eager expectation of becoming like Christ keep you pure as He is pure.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will allow my eager expectation of becoming like you will to keep me pure as you are pure.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will my eager expectation of becoming like you help keep me pure today?
