

CHILDREN OF GOD

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from 1 John 3:1-3, 16-22; Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)

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How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!

EVERYONE

And that is what we are!

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Dear friends, now we are children of God,
and what we will be has not yet been made known.

EVERYONE

**But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him,
for we shall see Him as He is.**

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Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
This is how we know what love is:

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**Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.**

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If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need
but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?
Dear children, let us not love with words, but with actions and in truth.

EVERYONE

**This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts
at rest in His presence whenever our hearts condemn us.**

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For God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything.
Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God
and receive from Him anything we ask,
because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him.

EVERYONE

**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.**