
SERMON OUTLINE

Who We Really Are ... Already (Part 1)

1 John 2:29-3:1

Part 1 – We can recognize God’s Righteousness and Love in our lives (2:28;3:1)

Part 2 – Who we really are is revealed by who we will really be (3:2,3)

- I. As God’s children, we can be truly righteous because He is:
Our real nature as believers becomes visible when we exhibit His true righteousness (1 John 2:29).
 - If we understand God’s righteous character, then we will also recognize true godliness when we see it in God’s children.

- II. As God’s children we are recipients of His lavish love: Our true position as God’s children is obvious when we concentrate on God’s astonishing love (1 John 3:1).
 - A. Our status as God’s beloved Children is visible to us because we understand what Christ did for us (3:1a)
 - *How Great* – God’s love is infinitely amazing – Unexpected grace
 - *Lavished* – God’s love is radically excessive – Unrestrained grace
 - *Children* – God’s love is intensely personal – Unique grace
 - B. Our status as God’s children is not visible to the unbelieving world because they don’t understand God (1 John 3:1b).