



**Community of Hope Church**  
**Community Group Bible Study**

**1 John**

Sept. 2020-Jan. 2021

**Lesson #7: Week of November 1, 2020 // 1 John 2:28-3:10: Born of God**

**Read** this passage aloud. What are you hearing in these verses? What words are especially significant to you?

**Open It**

1. In what way(s) are you like your mother or father?
2. What was one of the benefits of being the child of your parents as you were growing up?
3. How would most people define the term "sin"?

**Explore It**

4. Why did John encourage his readers to continue in Christ? ([2:28](#))
5. What is true about everyone who does what is right? ([2:29](#))
6. How has the Father lavished love upon believers? ([3:1](#))
7. Why doesn't the world know Christians? ([3:1](#))
8. What will happen to the children of God when they see Christ? ([3:2](#))
9. What kind of person purifies himself or herself? ([3:3](#))
10. What is sin? ([3:4](#))
11. Why did Christ appear? ([3:5](#))
12. How is a person who lives in Christ unusual? ([3:6](#))
13. What does it mean to do what is right? ([3:7](#))
14. What did John say about the person who does what is sinful? ([3:8](#))
15. Why did the Son of God appear? ([3:8](#))
16. Why can't the person who is born of God continue to sin? ([3:9](#))
17. How are children of God and children of the devil identified? ([3:10](#))

**Get It**

18. What does it mean to continue in Christ?
19. How are you preparing yourself for Christ's return?

20. What is so great about being a child of God?
21. When have you felt that your non-Christian friends did not really know or understand you?
22. How do you reconcile the fact that Christians do sin with the statements that they cannot sin or keep on sinning?
23. How can we know that we are children of God?
24. How do you need to change your daily routine so that you may be confident and unashamed before Christ at His Second Coming?

### **Apply It**

25. What step will you take today to purify yourself?
26. What area of weakness will you ask God to strengthen this week?

### **Pray**

Pray that God would give you strength to “continue in Him” (v. 28). Pray that you would see your true identity as a child of God. Pray that the Holy Spirit would lead you away from the temptation to sin, and that you would have the desire and strength to do what is right and righteous in God’s eyes. Pray that God would show you how you can love your brother or sister in Christ in tangible ways today.

### **Just a note from Koko Reyes:**

#### **1 John 2:28-3:10 Confident & Unashamed**

In the opening lines, of this part of John’s letter, he counsels his readers to live out their faith in such a way that they will be confident, shameless, when they meet Jesus face to face. A couple years ago I encouraged all of you to see a movie named “I can only Imagine” and the sound-track music is called by the same name and written by Mercy Me. These words and this study made me remember how the Christian son, in this movie, went from pure hatred and disgust for his abusive father to genuine love and compassion. This is a miraculous change only possible because of the indwelling of God through the Holy Spirit.

Maybe you remember these lyrics:

*“I can only imagine what it will be like  
When I walk, by your side  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see  
When you face is before me  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine*

*Surrounded by You glory  
What will my heart feel  
Will I dance for you Jesus  
Or in awe of You be still  
Will I stand in your presence  
Or to my knees will I fall  
Will I sing hallelujah  
Will I be able to speak at all  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine"*

Last Fall we began a walk through all of scripture using The Story as our guide. One of the essential messages we received from that walk of faith was the endless supply of evidence that God our Father has spent all of human time coming to us as a loving parent comes to abide with His children. We can think of righteousness, especially the righteousness of God, as a judgmental thing that condemns all of us. But I believe that God, also called by the name Father, is inherently compassionate, like most parents. This is a difficult concept when I stand in the dark of my worldly thinking and imagine a holy judge that will measure the entirety of my life one day. Standing in the dark of worldly thinking, there is another character known as the father of lies, i.e., Satan, whose parenthood is described by Jesus in John chapter 8:31-47 After reading that sad description of living in the world instead of living with our loving Father, check out these verses:

Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 5:5-8, Titus 3:4-5, Matthew 5:43-48

The ancient song "Jesus Loves Me" comes to my mind at this point!

The story of the prodigal child returning to his Father, and the joy that this gives the Father, is the best illustration that I know of how to stand in confidence when you go to meet our loving Father.

See you there!

Koko