



The People's Future

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1 JOHN 3:10

Imagine if before you start your day you choose to forgive every offense before it ever happened. When we live out of God's DNA in us, it's possible to live our days like that. As children of God, his traits are passed on to us, therefore we have victory over sin and love for others.



NOTES

The study of DNA can provide:

- Your family history
- Your ancestry - what part of the world you come from
- Your personal identity
- Your health information
- Your connection to relatives, countries, even royal dynasties

“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 doesn’t know us is that it didn’t 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.”

1 JOHN 3:1-3

When you trust Jesus Christ, you become a child of God and God’s family traits are passed to you.

“...because God’s seed remains in him...”

1 JOHN 3:9

“All who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children not born of natural descent nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”

JOHN 1:12-13

The Apostle John is talking about being born supernaturally – a spiritual birth that makes you a part of God’s spiritually-alive family.

There are two family traits every believer has that come from the Father:

1. Victory over sin
2. Love of God’s family

What does your future look like as part of the people of God?

More freedom from sin (1 John 3:1-10)



More fullness of love (1 John 4:7-21)

“...Christ appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him there is no sin.”
1 JOHN 3:5

Justified: completely forgiven of all our sins by God in Christ

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”
1 JOHN 3:8

Justified = free from the penalty of our sin

Sanctified = free from the power of our sin, the traps that entangle us

“No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.”
1 JOHN 3:9

The attitude that... “the rules don’t apply to me”, or “I make my own rules” sounds like freedom, but it’s really a trap.

Your future doesn’t have to look like your past.
Why do I still want to sin?

Believers have two natures at work in them:

1. an old fallen, selfish, sinful nature addicted to sin that we inherited from the first Adam
2. a new spiritual nature from God, full of life and freedom from the second Adam, Jesus Christ

Sanctification: Overcoming sin by the power of God’s Spirit in you.

As true Christ-followers, we are not only getting more free from sin but we are also getting more full of love.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”
1 JOHN 4:7-8

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”
1 JOHN 4:11-12

“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in him.”



1 JOHN 4:16

“We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.”

1 JOHN 4:19-20

“And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.”

1 JOHN 4:21

Love in us is the evidence that we are truly God's children.

In our journey to victory over sin, we sometimes sin on each other and get sinned on by others. That's why growing and showing the Father's love matters in the church family.

Four Greek words for Love:

- Storge – natural affection for kin
- Philea – friendship
- Eros – sensual romantic love
- Agape – God's quality of love that always seeks what's best for the one loved

“And this is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

1 JOHN 4:10

Conflict + Agape love = Stronger Connection

The people's future is about showing up and growing up together through:

- Lives that become more free from sin, harmful habits and hang-ups
- Lives more practiced in love, forgiving each other, and sacrificing for each other

We are to show love through patience, kindness and forbearance (forgiveness on the front end).

Imagine before you ever started your day you choose to forgive every offense before it ever happened because you are living out of God's DNA in you.

Imagine how it would feel to lay your head on your pillow at night grudge-free because you practiced God's love all day.

Christ puts us together in Him to share our future of victory and love.

