

Fast Facts 1st John 3:1-2

1. These verses should put us on shouting ground. John speaks in amazement about the manner of love that makes us children of God.
2. John wants us to look at this love intently. It was bestowed on us. It was a gift – not something earned – a gift with no strings attached.
3. The greatness of this love is shown by the phrase, “We are called the Children of God”. God was not just being nice or good to us. We are His children.
4. Now because we are God’s children, we are strangers to this world. Why? The reason is because they do not know Him.
5. In verse 2, our present standing is plain, we can know Him and have this assurance that we are the children of God. Romans 8:16 states, “The Spirit, Himself, bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God”.
6. While our present standing is plain, we don’t know in absolute detail what we shall be in glory, but we shall be like Him.
7. Why do we want to go to Heaven? The answer is to be reunited with loved ones, and to meet the great men and women of the Faith. But here is what makes Heaven, Heaven. We shall see as He is. Revelation 1:13-16 gives us a description of Jesus in Heaven. ***He was dressed in a long white robe with a golden breastplate; His head and His hair were white as snow (white wool); His eyes blazed like fire, and His feet shone as the finest bronze glows in the furnace. His voice had the sound of a great waterfall, and I saw that in His right hand that He held seven stars. A sharp two-edged sword came out of His mouth, and His face was ablaze like the sun at its height.***
8. John, exiled on Patmos, was in the very presence of the glorified Christ. We shall see Him as He is.