

BECOMING AS HE IS

(Pure as He is pure; Motivation for Clean Living)

I John 3:1-3

(1 John 3:1 KJV) Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. (1 John 3:2 KJV) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:3 KJV) And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1. WHAT MANNER OF LOVE TO BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.

1. Now are we the sons of God--not just seed.

1. (John 1:12 KJV) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
2. (Gal 4:1 KJV) Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
3. (Phil 2:15 KJV) That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

2. Jesus is the pattern.

1. (Rom 8:29 KJV) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
2. (John 12:24 KJV) Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
3. (1 John 4:17 KJV) Herein is our love made perfect,

that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:

because as he is, so are we in this world.

3. It does not yet appear what we shall be like.
 1. When He shall appear, we will be like Him.
 2. For we shall see Him as He is.

2. EVERY ONE THAT HATH THIS HOPE PURIFIED HIMSELF.
 1. Hope is expectation of something still yet future.
 2. Not hope of uncertain, secret rapture that motivates us to be pure.
 3. Hope of being as He is--is motivation for becoming pure as He is pure.

3. THE WILL OF GOD THAT WE BE CONFORMED TO CHRIST'S IMAGE.
 1. Rom. 8:29 - *"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."*
 2. We were created originally in the image of God, but are now being conformed.
 3. Jacob was created and Israel was formed - Is. 43:1 - *"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."*
 4. The new creation man is being conformed.
 1. Col. 3:10 - *"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."*
 2. Eph. 4:23-24 - *"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."*

4. HOW ARE WE CHANGED OR CONFORMED: II COR. 3:18.

1. When we see Him, we=ll become as He is.
2. With open face beholding as in a glass the glory of God (2 Cor 3:18 KJV) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.
3. What do we see when we look into the mirror or glass? Whose reflection?
4. What is the glass?
 1. (James 1:23 KJV) For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (James 1:24 KJV) For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (James 1:25 KJV) But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
 2. The perfect law of liberty is the Word of God.
5. THE LOOKING GLASS OR WORD IS A CLEANSING AGENT.
 1. Cleansed by washing of water of Word (Eph. 5:26) - *"That he might sanctify it (church) by washing of water by the Word."*
 2. *"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you"* (John 15:3).
 3. The laver of brass in the outer court of Moses' Tabernacle.
 1. Ex. 30:17-21. (Exo 30:17 KJV) And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (Exo 30:18 KJV) Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation

and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. (Exo 30:19 KJV) For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: (Exo 30:20 KJV) When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: (Exo 30:21 KJV) So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

2. Ex. 38:8 - made of women's looking glasses--which means mirrors. (Exo 38:8 KJV) And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
4. When we behold the glory of God in the mirror, changed into same image.
6. PROMISE OF SONSHIP RELATIONSHIP MOTIVATE TO PURITY OR CLEANLINESS (II Cor. 6:16-18). (1 Cor 6:16 KJV) What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. (1 Cor 6:17 KJV) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. (1 Cor 6:18 KJV) Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.
 1. God=s promise:
 1. I will dwell in them; will be their God, and they shall be my people.
 2. Will be their Father, they shall be my sons and daughters.

2. Having these promises, cleanse ourselves from all filthiness (II Cor. 7:1).

7. IF WE WOULD JUDGE OURSELVES, WE SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED (I Cor. 11:31-32). (1 Cor 11:31 KJV) For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. (1 Cor 11:32 KJV) But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.
 1. Let a man examine himself.
 2. When we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord.
 1. (Hebrew) 4148. muwcar, moo-sawr'; from H3256; prop. chastisement; fig. reproof. warning or instruction; also restraint:--bond, chastening ([-eth]), chastisement, check, correction, discipline, doctrine, instruction, rebuke.
 2. (Greek) 3809. paideia, pahee-di'-ah; from G3811; tutorage; i.e. education or training; by impl. disciplinary correction:--chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture.
 3. 3811. paideuo, pahee-dyoo'-o; from G3816; to train up a child, i.e. educate, or (by impl.) discipline (by punishment):--chasten (-ise), instruct, learn, teach.
 3. That we should not be condemned with the world.
 4. We have one standard to measure ourselves by.
 5. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me"* (Ps. 51:10).
 6. Earth will be under law of judgment for 1000 years.
 1. After this cleansing, there will not be rebellion, for it will have been forever dealt with.
 2. Then will come new heavens and new earth wherein will dwell righteousness forever and ever.

8. SEEING ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED. (2 Pet 3:11 KJV)
 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,
1. What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.
 2. When these things are dissolved, holiness and righteousness will be all there will be. Why not begin practicing it right now?
 3. (2 Pet 3:12 KJV) Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?
9. THE WORD OF GOD IS ONLY THING THAT WILL STAND.
1. The Word of God is indestructible; incombustible.
 2. The foundation of gold, silver is upon the word of God.
 3. Wise man built upon foundation (hearing and doing the Word) and stood pressures.
 4. (Mal 3:2 KJV) But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:
 1. He is like a refiner's fire and fuller's soap.
 2. Sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.
 3. Purge as silver and gold: nothing left of flesh, so that offering in righteousness will be made.
 5. Is. 26:9 - *"When thy judgments are in the earth, then will inhabitants learn righteousness."*
 1. Ps. 19:9 - "Judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

2. Ps. 12:6 - *"The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth purified seven times."*
6. Pure as he is pure as we look into the Word of God.