1 JOHN 3 vs 1



¹ **See what kind of love** / John Stott says, This word always implies astonishment. Clearly, it suggests: what country... Where' is this from? This is so foreign... so unearthly. When Christ calmed the sea, the disciples asked, Who is this? Same word.

And the apostle John says in complete astonishment...

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we are called the children of God and we are!



Wow! that our Father in heaven has given to us something out of this world, John is simply amazed; in other words, if anyone asks, Yep! That is who we are. His grace is amazing, we are God's children. Notice, it was a gift... from the Father. It was not our nature; it was His gift,

For this reason the world does **not** really know who you are;

because it did not really know Him / they didn't know who this guy was; the religious leaders had become unhinged; they were not expecting His coming; they had no hope He would come. At His trial in great disbelief, with hard hearts, the chief priests asked, You?... you're what? **You** are the Messiah?

John says, don't be surprised if you are treated with disdain, and not always understood.

²Beloved one of God our Father.

right now we are the children of God,

and yet it does not appear what we will be / right now, at this time; John is not amazed about something in the future. He is talking about RIGHT NOW... at this moment, right where he is.

And he repeats himself; a second time he says...

now we are the children of God, and yet it does not appear what we will be / whatever anyone may think or speculate;

/ the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares... makes this point very clear. After the Son of man appears and sends for His angels... to gather up all that offends out of His kingdom. We read: Then -- at that time... will the upright ones shine forth as the sun... in the kingdom of their Father -- Matthew 13:43. Suddenly... when all that offends in His kingdom is gone; suddenly and without delay His children, the children of God... are clothed in glorious light... something like a thousand million light bulbs turning on. What a welcome home! It's exciting, isn't it?!



We know that, when He appears, we will see Him as He really is:

and we will be like Him.

when the Son of man officially appears in great power and glory.

³Everyone who has this hope in Him is cleaning himself

Paul says this hope is not to shame; but to make whole to get ready; everyone with this hope; has a reason to get up in the morning... and keep going.

... as they keep putting the pieces together; making whole,

even as He is pure / John says: as Christ Jesus is already clean and pure and whole: hold this hope; someday we all will be like Him. John Newton wrote: When we've been there 10,000 years... bright shining as the sun... we've no less days to sing His praise... than when we first begun.

Are you astonished?

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