**The Epistle of 1st John**

Chapter 3

 **Called the Children of GOD**

1. We are not of the World; We are the Lord’s (1-3)
2. We cannot Remain in Sin If We Love the Lord (4-9)
3. We will Love Each Other If We are Following Jesus (10-15)
4. Our Actions Speak the Truth (16-18)
5. God Knows All; the Spirit Gives Us Evidence (19-24)

*Summary: Love, love, love -- love for God, love for one another; this is the core message of John’s message here. We see the familiar message that our actions speak louder than simple words. John declares that we cannot say we love the Lord and hate or mistreat our sister or brother. Indeed, if we truly love Jesus, we must follow the command that Jesus gave the disciples and to the world.*

**Study Questions**

1. John repeatedly states that we cannot say we love the Lord when our actions say differently. What is an example of how the church, or we as Christians profess love in words, but fail to demonstrate it in ministry or our work?
2. Do any of the themes or topics in this chapter mirror John’s message in his Gospel? If so, where in John can these themes be found?
3. The final words in this chapter refer to the Holy Spirit’s role in our relationship with the Savior. What is that role? How would you explain it?

**Notes**

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