

## Becoming more like what we will be

(1 John 3:2-3)

- I. In the future we will be completely holy like Christ (1 John 3:2).
  - Our Glorification: When we see Christ our spiritual and physical transformation as believers will be complete and visible.
  - A. Who we are: We are children of God who are perfectly loved (3:2a)
  - B. Who we will be: Children of God who will be actually perfect in ways that only Christ is now (3:2b)
    - 1. Physically perfect (1 Corinthians 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20,21)
    - 2. Spiritually perfect (Romans 8:29; Philippians 1:6)
  - C. What we will see: Seeing Christ in His full perfection and glory will transform us (3:2c; 1 Corinthians 13:12).
- II. In the present we can become more holy and more like Christ (1 John 3:3).
  - Our Sanctification: The believer who looks forward to perfect righteousness in heaven is the believer who pursues present righteousness now!
  - A. *“This Hope”* – We must set our focus on our perfect future (1 John 3:2-3; Philippians 3:12-13).
  - B. *“Purifies himself”* – We must commit ourselves to obedient cooperation with the work of God in our life now.
    - God’s power is at work in us as we obey Him (Philippians 1:6; 2:13,14; Ephesians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 2:13).