

1 John Series | 1 John 3:2-3 | Discussion Notes

Intro:

1. If you could go on the best 10-day vacation, what would you do and where would you go? Why?

Question:

2. If God told you that you were about to go to heaven, however, He said you can go right now, or you can go right after your 10-day vacation?
 - a. Close your eyes and vote
3. Based on that poll, what do you all think heaven is like?
 - a. Look like?
 - b. Feel like?

1 John 3:2-3- Might seem not to connect, but I will connect them in the end.

4. Heaven is... (take notes)
 - a. God's dwelling place-
 - i. Psalm 33:13- The Lord looks down from heaven; He observes everyone
 - ii. Rev. 4:1- John, our writer, is taken up into heaven where God is
 - iii. Phil 3:20- citizenship is in heaven
 - b. Designed by God
 - i. Hebrews 11:10- For he [Abraham] was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God
 - ii. Heb 11:16- ...He has prepared a city for them
 - c. Paradise- 2 Cor. 12:4
 - i. Luke 23:43- Jesus telling the other man on the cross
 1. Very truly, today you will be with Me in paradise
 - d. No Curse and Death
 - i. Rev. 21:3-4- Look! God's dwelling is with humanity, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will no longer exist, grief, crying, and pain will exist no longer

- ii. Rev. 22:3-5- No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servant will serve Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp for the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.
- e. Back to His original design
 - i. “very good” like in Genesis- Pure
 - ii. 1 John 3:3- God calls us to be Pure
 - 1. God is calling each of us to be a part of His team – The church
 - 2. Not just to experience Heaven with Him, but to be a part of His team
 - 3. Being a part of His team- call to become pure
- 5. What needs to change in your life to look more like Jesus? or pure?