

November 27, 2022  
*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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1 John 2:28-3:10

**“Moral Test #2: Family Resemblance – Part 5”**

- I. Prologue [Introduction] – 1:1-4
- II. Tests of Genuine Fellowship: Cycle (Spiral) #1 – 1:5-2:27 – Moral; Social; Doctrinal tests
- III. **Tests of Genuine Fellowship: Cycle (Spiral) #2 – 2:28-4:6**
  - A. **The Moral Test – 2:28-3:10 – Family Resemblance**
    - 1. **Family Resemblance in Light of the Future Coming of Christ (2:28-3:3)**
      - a. **Regeneration (2:28-29)**
      - b. **Adoption (3:1-3)**
        - 1) **Perpetual Identification (3:1)**
        - 2) **Profound Implications / Expectations (3:1b-2)**
          - a) **Current Rejection (3:1b)** – 1 Jn. 3:13; Mt. 5:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:13-17; 4:1-5, 12-19; Jn. 15:14-16:3; 17:14
          - b) **Future Transformation (3:2)** – Phil. 1:6; 8:16-30; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:52; Phil. 3:21; Mt. 5:8
          - c) **Passionate \_\_\_\_\_ (3:3)** – Jude 20-25; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Cor. 7:1; Phil. 2:12-13; 3:12-14; Heb. 13:20-21; 1 Pet. 1:13-16 (cf. Lev. 11:44, 45; 18:30; 19:2; 20:7; 21:6–8); 1 Pet. 5:8-11; 1 Jn. 1:7 (cf. 2:2, 3:3; 4:10); Rev. 22:12

**So what?**

## Discussion & Application:

1. We just celebrated Thanksgiving Day in the U.S. What were the top 5 things you were most thankful for this past year? Did God's promises in Jesus Christ make your list?
2. How is the word "**hope**" used in English? (Give examples) How is it used differently in the Greek New Testament? What specifically is John referring to when he says "**this**" hope? (See 1 Jn. 3:2) How does that future hope motivate present holiness?
3. What is "**sanctification**?" What is the difference between "**positional**" sanctification (Heb. 10:10), "**progressive**" sanctification (2 Cor. 3:18), and "**final**" sanctification (1 Jn. 3:2-3)?
4. John uses the word "**everyone**" in 1 John 3:3. What point is he making about true children of God? If someone has truly experienced **regeneration** and **adoption**, and has a genuine hope in **glorification**, what are the implications / expectations when it comes to **sanctification**?
5. If the blood of Jesus "**cleanses**" us from all sin (1 Jn. 1:7; 2:2; 4:10), why do we need to "**purify**" ourselves (3:3)? (See Romans 6)
6. What is God's part in our **sanctification**? What is our part? Are we **active or passive**? (See Phil. 2:12-13; 3:12-14; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet. 1:14-16; 2 Pet. 1:5-8) What specific resources has God provided for us so we can grow in purity? How can brothers and sisters in Christ help each other grow in holiness? (See Prov. 27:17; Heb. 10:23-25; Gal. 6:1-2; 1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:14-15; James 5:19-20; Eph. 6:18)
7. What are you doing daily to passionately participate with God in being as **pure** as Jesus is pure? By God's grace, what specific worldly things will you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to growing in godliness? (See Titus 2:11-14; 1 Tim. 4:7-10; 6:6-19)
8. **Do you know Jesus?** Have you truly been born again and adopted into His forever family? Does your moral lifestyle reveal an obvious family resemblance? Are you experiencing persecution because of your commitment to obediently follow Jesus (Jn. 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12)? Are you living like an alien and stranger in this world (Heb. 11:13-16; 1 Pet. 2:9-12)?
9. If you have not yet turned from sin in repentance and put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, why wouldn't you do that right now? What temporal thing(s) this world has to offer could possibly be more important than being forgiven, adopted by God, and living forever in His perfect kingdom? If you have questions about becoming a Christian or knowing for sure that you are a Christian, please speak to a church leader or call the church office (818-776-1500). We would love to help.
10. **Memorize 1 John 3:1-3.** By the power of the Holy Spirit pursue being pure as Jesus is pure.

[Answer to blank: Participation]