




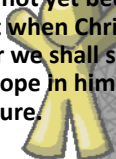
purity






1 John 3:1-3


- See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.






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- Notice the motivation for purity involves the first two kingdom pathways.
- The first kingdom pathway is to personalize our identity until it comes. 1 John 3:1, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!" (the one Jesus loves; God's favorites)






1 John 3:1-3


- The second kingdom pathway is to pursue God until it comes. 1 John 3:2, "Dear friends, now we are the children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."
- When we see Him, we'll be like Him. (Heaven; principle)






2 Corinthians 3:18

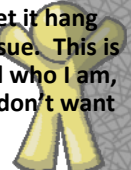
- "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."






1 John 3:1-3


- As we walk down the kingdom pathways of personalizing our identity and pursuing God, we are motivated to purify ourselves. 1 John 3:3, "All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure."
- Sometimes we tolerate sin. We let it hang around. This isn't only a moral issue. This is a heart issue. When I understand who I am, and I love God and pursue him, I don't want to keep sinning.






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- **Personalizing our identity, and pursuing God are purifying actions. They are steps that we take that can help us journey toward purity. There are many other purifying actions we can take. Let's take a look at one other.**





1 John 3:1-3

- **Choose brokenness. Brokenness is a humble state before God and others. It is having a soft, moldable heart before God. (Norm Grubb, Continuous Revival) (symbolic gestures & brokenness)**

