

Specific Questions: Text: 1 John 3:1-3

1. Any “middle child” people in the group? If so, describe your experience growing up.
2. Have you ever undergone a house renovation while you were still living in the house? In what ways was that a good experience? In what ways was it a difficult experience?
3. How are these two situations comparable to living in the “in-between/the already and not yet” of our faith journey?
4. In what ways have you, or are you noticing the tension of the in-between in your:
 - a. Job?
 - b. Family?
 - c. Friendships?
 - d. Church?
 - e. Social media?
5. How are we as Christ followers to live while we exist in the in-between/ already and not yet paradigms? (And everyone who has this hope set on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:3) Share specific examples.

Scripture references:

- 1 John 3:1-3
- already adopted in Christ (Romans 8:15), but not yet adopted (Romans 8:23)

- already redeemed in Christ (Ephesians 1:7), but not yet redeemed (Ephesians 4:30)
- already sanctified in Christ (1 Corinthians 1:2), but not yet sanctified (1 Thessalonians 5:23–24)
- already saved in Christ (Ephesians 2:8), but not yet saved (Romans 5:9)
- already raised with Christ (Ephesians 2:6), but not yet raised (1 Corinthians 15:52).

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?