

"Family Resemblance"

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1 John 2:28-3:3

²⁸ And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him. **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. ² 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. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

1. God's children bear a **FAMILY RESEMBLANCE** to their heavenly Father. - 1 Jn. 2:29
2. What we see transforms us gradually; **WHEN WE SEE CHRIST** it will transform us **COMPLETELY**. - 1 John 3:2
3. The more like Jesus we become **NOW** the more **JOYFUL** we'll be when we see Jesus face to face. 1 Jn. 2:28

Will Glory Hurt?

1. In what ways do you already resemble your true Father? What gifts or traits, or strengths reflect His nature?
2. In what ways are you being transformed by what you see, hear, and do? Are you changing into the image of Christ or into something else?
3. What parts of your life need purification? What parts will have a hard time transitioning to life eternal? What might leave you ashamed at the Lord's return?