

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: September 30, 2007	11:00 am Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: I John 3:1-10
Topic: Grasping Our Lord's Desire... As Stewards of His Gift of Utopia	

There is a glorious hope that revives our courage by the way Christians are living in the in-between-times. This world is not our home we are just passing through. Our treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. Are these mere words? Or are they a reality yet to be entered into?

John's epistles have the heartbeat of a pastor. They therefore urge the believer to abide in the truth, to avoid false teaching and teachers, as well as to allow their hope in Christ to lead them to a circumspect life. In our focus passage there is the contemplation of the elevation to being children of God, expectation of consummation as children of God and engagement in consecration as the children of God.

Verse 1 speaks of Wonderful Endowment: Salvation.

CAUSE: God's great love

EFFECT: Become children of God through knowledge of Christ.

This is a call to appreciate the favor bestowed on the Christian. Regular Praise is to be given unto God because the fact is we are given Grace.

Verse 2 speaks of Wonderful Envelopment: Glorification.

CAUSE: Second appearance of Christ.

EFFECT: Hope realized.

This is a call to appreciate the fullness beyond for the Christian. This demands the Right Perspective before God because we are promised Glory.

In verses 3-10, we see Wonderful Engagement: Sanctification.

CAUSE	EFFECT
Possession of the hope of glorification	Desire for spiritual cleansing, which calls for addressing: -lawlessness (4) -lack of conversion (5-6) -being led into sin (7-8) -lack of break with sin (9-10a) -lack of love for the brethren (10b)

This is a call to appreciate the faithfulness which becomes the Christian. This demands Rigorous Purity unto God because the fact is that we are called to Godliness.

Our present experience of Salvation is the basis of our future expectation of Glorification which is the basis of our desire for Sanctification. Let us not stop the flow. Let there be hope and holiness in the Lord.