

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

Now We Are Sons of God

We Shall All Be Changed in a Twinkling of An Eye

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1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and [such] we are. ***For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.***

Know: To Perceive, To Understand

- The world, (that is everyone outside of Christ) does not perceive us, or understand us
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- That is because they do not perceive Jesus or understand Him, or Who He is!
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- But we perceive Jesus, we understand Him, and we know Who He is

Listen to this:

Matthew 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **14** And they said, "Some [say] John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

- At this time His disciples did not perceive Him or understand Who He was
- Like most everyone in this world

Matthew 16:15 He said to them, "***But who do you say that I am?***" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

- Peter perceived Him, Peter understood Who Jesus was
- How?

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal [this] to you, ***but My Father who is in heaven.***

- Right here, at this very moment, Jesus' Father became Peters Father
- Because the Father revealed Jesus to Peter and allowed him to see Jesus and understand Who He is
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- Just like he did with each and every one of us
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- And like Peter, we are now children of God, because we see Jesus

Listen to this:

1 John 3:2 Beloved, ***now*** we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. ***We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.***

Exodus 33:20 But He (God) said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

- But we will see Him and live
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- We will live because we will be like Him
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- Beloved, right now, at this moment in time, we are children of God
- Even though we look just like everyone else
- Even though the world does not recognize us, just like they don't recognize Jesus
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- We are children of God
- The Angels know it, the devil knows it, God the Father knows it, and we should know it!

Listen to this:

John says, "it has not appeared as yet what we will be."

- Do you really understand this?
- We look just like everyone else only because we are presently waiting to be transformed into our eternal image
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- This body is only temporary
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- Your pains, sicknesses, weaknesses and struggles are all only temporary
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- We do not know what we are going to become, but we know we will become just like Jesus is
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- We know this because God promises us this

2 Corinthians 5:5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

2 Corinthians 5:1 ***For we know*** that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2** For indeed in this [house] we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, **3** inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.

2 Corinthians 5:4 ***For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan,... Amen?***

Do you understand that heaven is not your final destination?

- Heaven is where all the departed saints are waiting to be transformed into their eternal appearance
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- But it is not their eternal destination, and it is not our eternal destination
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- Heaven is where all living saints will be transported to through the rapture, while simultaneously being transformed into the same image as glorified Jesus is

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- **But we will not remain there**
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- **We are coming back to this earth where currently people do not know who we are, because they cannot see us for what we are**
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- **We are coming back to rule and to reign over them with Christ on the earth**
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- **Then after a thousand years, when sin, and finally the serpent, that is satan the devil, and death and hades, will all be swallowed up for all eternity**
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- **Then the Father comes and creates a New Heaven and a New Earth, and Jesus hands all things back to the Father**

1 Corinthians 15:22-24 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. **23** But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, **24** then [comes] the end, when He (**Jesus**) hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

Friends these are things we need to know and understand

- **How can you even consider yourself a child of God and yet not know your destiny or purpose in Christ?**

Revelation 20:10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer [any] sea.

Revelation 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

Are you getting this?

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

Revelation 21:4 and He (***our Father Who is in heaven***) will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be [any] death; there will no longer be [any] mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

Revelation 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "***Write, for these words are faithful and true.***"

Revelation 21:7 "He who overcomes will inherit these things, ***and I will be his God and he will be My son.*** (WOW)

Are you getting this? We need to get this so that we will remain pure:

1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God;...

1 John 3:2 *Beloved, now we are children of God*, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

1 John 3:3 *And everyone who has this hope [fixed] on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

- Remember I told you last week
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- That the gospel is the revelation of the Father, through Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit
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- The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe
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- Because in it, the righteousness of God the Father is revealed

To Sum This All Up:

1 John 2:28 *Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.*

1 John 3:7 *Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; 8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.*