

# Your Identity in Christ

1 John 3:1-3

## Discussion Questions

- 1) John emphasises that as a Christian, you are a child of God. What are some other places in the Bible that assure us of our identity in Christ? (Hint: 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 1:12-13).
- 2) If we struggle to acknowledge that our identity is in Christ, where might we seek to find our identity? Why will this never satisfy us?
- 3) Read 1 John 3:1 in some different translations, including the Greek. This might help you: [https://biblehub.com/1\\_john/3-1.htm](https://biblehub.com/1_john/3-1.htm). What do you discover? Where else is the Greek word for 'see' in this verse used in the New Testament?
- 4) What are some other verses where we can see the great love that the Father has lavished upon us? (Hint: Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:9-11).
- 5) We might know some of these verses, but sometimes they can seem to have little effect on how we live our lives. How can these verses go from our heads to our hearts? What is Christian meditation?
- 6) In a world that is searching for its identity, we can often look to our God-given sexuality to define who we are. Would you agree that sexuality has become one of the great idols of our Western society? How does this manifest itself?
- 7) If we find ourselves enslaved to sexual sin, what frees us? How might you try to help a Christian brother or sister who confesses to you that they struggle with pornography?
- 8) John provides us with a way out. We must behold the Father's great love for us, as ultimately, this will free us and motivate us to want to please Him. Accountability partners, being aware of our habits, and regular times of confession are all needed, yet when we are enslaved to a particular sin, we are often trying to fill a God-sized hole in us that only He can fill. Pray for one another regarding anything you feel in bondage to.

**Additional prayer point:** Please pray for God's protection over our leaders and that He would raise up godly leaders within IBC who desire to serve God first.