

1 John Class Schedule

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Today's Verses

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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.

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- 3rd class sentence - fulfillment is uncertain but still likely
- This conditional phrase does not refers to whether Jesus is righteous or not,*
- But rather whether the readers have realized that Jesus is righteous.*
- The uncertainty does not concern the fact of Jesus' righteousness, but the readers' knowledge of that fact.*

^{1st} - you know – *oida* – to know absolutely as in divine knowledge

- *oida* is in the perfect tense – past completed action with abiding results

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He is righteous:

- We know that He is righteous from Scripture.
 - 1 John 2:1c we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous
 - 1 John 3:7b the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous
- The remainder of the verse (the “then” part) is the result of this knowledge that He is righteous.

2nd - you know - *ginōskō* – experiential knowledge; to be taking in knowledge

- present tense – continuous action

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that everyone – this will be shown to be a believer

practices - *poieo* – spoken of a course of action

or conduct, to do, does Zodhiates

present tense – continuous action; 8 times in 1 John 3

- that everyone who habitually does Wuest
- men's actions are judged by habitual practice McCalley

[the] **righteousness**

this aforementioned righteousness Wuest

What righteousness is he talking about?

- 1 John 2:27b but as His anointing teaches you about all things --- and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

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has been born of Him

Interlinear

- perfect tense – past completed action with abiding results: we are now in a permanent state of being “born of Him”
- passive voice – God performed the action for all believers

out from Him has been born, with the present result that that one is a born-one

Wuest

- John 3:7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, “You must be born again.” **must** = it is an absolute necessity
- The next verse will give more details about being “born of Him.”

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see what sort of love

Interlinear

see - *eídō* – behold, this is a command “to look at” - it is plural here - literally: “behold you” * Wuest

- “Look at” the unique nature of God’s love McCalley
- John is calling upon all the saints to wonder at the particular kind of love God has bestowed upon them.*

what sort – *potapos* – two ideas in this word **a.** foreign or from another country [or world]
b. astonishing as to its nature

- Luke 1:29 But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.
- God’s love has no human equivalent. McCalley

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How is God's love unique?

- This Fatherly love is for His children only in contrast to His love for “the world” who Christ died for. McCalley

the Father has bestowed on us [believers]

has bestowed – *didōmi* - to give something to someone
– perfect tense

- The perfect tense is used here to indicate that the gift becomes a permanent possession of the recipient.
- God has placed His love upon the saints in the sense that they have become the permanent objects of His love.

Wuest

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1st - that we would be called children of God;

we would be called - *kaléō* - a descriptive adj. of persons
aorist, passive

- John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

2nd - **such we are** [children of God]

we are - *eimi* – the state in which someone or something continuously exists – present tense

- we continuously & permanently exist as children of God
- We have not only the name but the character. Wuest

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Therefore the world does not know us

the world - *kosmos* - The ones whom God loved and for whom Christ died.

know - *ginsko* - experiential knowledge; to be taking in knowledge – present tense [cont. action]

- The world is not taking in knowledge about us as God's ambassadors for Christ. Next, the reason is given:

because it [the world] did not know Him

know - *ginsko* - same – aorist tense [past point fact]

- The world has not come to know Christ in a experiential way at a point in time in the past.

Final Thoughts



- The foreign kind of love produced in us by the Holy Spirit constitutes us a foreign kind of person to the people of this world. Wuest
- Unbelievers cannot fully comprehend the children of God. The reason for this lack of perception is their failure to comprehend God fully. Since they do not "know" the Parent they do not "know" the children. Constable
- John 5:37 "And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. ³⁸ "You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.