

First John 3:1-3
(A parenthesis between 2:29 and 3:4)

- 1) Amazement—3:1 ¹ *See* [aor. act. impv. ὁράω] *what kind of love* [ἀγάπη] *the Father has given* [pf. act. ind. δίδωμι] *to us* ...
 - a) Explanation of what the Father's love looks like—*that* [ἵνα] *we should be called* [aor. pass. subj. καλέω] (by God Himself!) *children* [τέκνον] (born ones) *of God* (the Father). [CT adds “and we are”]
 - b) The world's failure to understand—*Because of this* [διὰ οὗτος] (what is to be written next) *the world* [κόσμος] *is not knowing* [pres. act. ind. γινώσκω] *you*^{pl}, [CT reads “us”]
 - i) *because* [ὅτι] *it did not know* [aor. act. ind. γινώσκω] *Him* (Jesus).
- 2) ² *Beloved*^{pl} [ἀγαπητός],
 - a) NOW—**now** [νῦν] (emphatic) *we are* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *the children* [τέκνον] *of God* (the Father),
 - b) NOT YET—*and* [καί] *it has not yet* [οὐπω] *been made evident* [aor. pass. ind. φανερόω] *what* [τίς] *we will be* [fut. dep. ind. εἰμί].
- 3) *But* [δέ] *we know* [pf. act. ind. εἶδω] ...
 - a) What? *that* [ὅτι] ... *we will be* [fut. dep. ind. εἰμί] *like* [ὅμοιος] *Him* (Jesus),
 - i) Similarity but not equality, resemblance
 - (1) This word was at the root of a great controversy in church history (council of Nicea in 325). Is Jesus ὅμοιος (similar to) the Father, or omo (exactly the same as) the Father? Homoiousian vs. homoousian.
 - ii) Some suggest that our age in heaven and eternity will be the age of Jesus at His resurrection (mid-to-upper 30's).
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 - b) When? *when* [ἐάν] [3rd class condition] *He* (Jesus) *is revealed* [aor. pass. subj. φανερόω],
 - i) Some translate this as “when **it** (what we will be) is revealed”
 - c) Why? *because* [ὅτι] *we will see* [fut. dep. ind. ὁράω] *Him* (Jesus) *just as* [καθώς] *He* (Jesus) *is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί].
- 4) ³ *And* [καί] *each one* [πᾶς] *who is characterized by holding* [pres. act. ptc. ἔχω] *this* [οὗτος] *hope* [ἐλπίς] (faith demonstrated by confident expectation based on a promise) *upon* [ἐπί] *Him* (Jesus) *is* [pres. act. ind. ἀγνίζω] *purifying himself* [ἐαυτοῦ] (doing righteousness—2:29) ...
 - a) *just as* [καθώς] *that One* [ἐκεῖνος] (Jesus) *is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *pure* [ἀγνός].
 - b) Future hope leads to present sanctification.