

Sermon Application Study

June 7, 2026

Target Passage: 1 John 2:28-3:3

1. If you are a parent: what lessons did you learn from your parents that you worked hard to pass on to your own children? If you are not a parent: what are some of the important things you have learned from your parents that you hope to pass on to others some day (whether they are your future children or simply other people you encounter)?
2. In what ways do you actively feel like a child of God? In what ways do you struggle to make “child of God” part of your identity?
3. How would you describe the difference between “deciding to follow Jesus” and “abiding in Jesus?” (*Hint: both are good, but they are not the same response!*)
4. What role does righteous action play in the life of a believer? In other words, why does it matter, and in what ways does it not matter?
5. Probably no one reading this would disagree with the assertion and assumption that Jesus is coming back. How does (or how should) an awareness that Jesus is coming back someday affect the way you live out your faith *today*?
6. How does abiding in the Lord help you learn and understand more about who He is?

Supporting/Bridge passages: Rom 7:15 and Rom 7:19-20; Rev 22:11-13, John 1:9-13

For Me:

1. How am I claiming and walking in my identity as a child of God? How could I improve my ability to lean into obedience?
2. Reflect on the fact that those who are in Christ are the Beloved of God. What does that mean to you?

For the Mission:

How can you encourage a believer who, while he or she IS a child of God, struggles to believe that or have confidence in that truth?