

1 John 2:28-3:3 (Children of God)

2:28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called **children of God**; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are **God's children** now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Question: *Why should a Christian live righteously if he or she has already been 'saved'?*

1. Our present identity: Children of God

i) Much-loved by the Father

ii) Unknown by the World

iii) Not yet what we will be

2. Our future hope: Made to be like Jesus

3. Our present pursuit: Purify ourselves

Answer: *Because we are already Children of God. We want to live righteously. And we want to be unashamed.*