

***“Family Likeness”***  
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**1 John - Part 5**  
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“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.” 1 John 3:1-3 (NIV)

**The most amazing thing about heaven is not  
what we’ll get. It’s what we’ll become!**

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)

“This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.”  
1 John 3:10 (NIV)

“Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.” 1 John 3:7 (NIV)

**1. The seriousness of sin.**

“Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.”  
1 John 3:4 (NIV)

**- It is defiance.**

**- It is deceptive.**

“Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray.”  
1 John 3:7a (NIV)

“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?” Romans 6:1-2 (NIV)

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.”  
Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

**- It is demonic.**

““The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning.” 1 John 3:8 (NIV)

“Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.” Revelation 12:7-9 (NIV)

“Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring— those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.” Revelation 12:17 (NIV)

**2. The salvation from our Savior.**

“But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.” 1 John 3:5 (NIV)

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”  
1 John 3:8b (NIV)

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you[a] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross”  
Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV)

“No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.” 1 John 3:6 (NIV)

“No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God.” 1 John 3:9 (NIV)

“We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.” 1 John 5:18 (NIV)

“The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again.”  
Proverbs 24:16 (NLT)

“For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.” Galatians 5:17 (NIV)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” John 14:15 (ESV)

“You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.” 1 John 3:5 (NIV)