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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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1 John 2:28-3:10

“Moral Test #2: Family Resemblance – Part 4”

- I. Prologue [Introduction] – 1:1-4
- II. Tests of Genuine Fellowship: Cycle (Spiral) #1 – 1:5-2:27 – Moral; Social; Doctrinal tests
- III. Tests of Genuine Fellowship: Cycle (Spiral) #2 – 2:28-4:6**
 - A. The Moral Test – 2:28-3:10 – Family Resemblance**
 - 1. Family Resemblance in Light of the Future Coming of Christ (2:28-3:3)**
 - a. Regeneration (2:28-29)
 - b. Adoption (3:1-3)**
 - 1) Perpetual Identification (3:1)**
 - 2) Profound Implications / Expectations (3:1b-2)**
 - a) Current Rejection (3:1b)** – 1 Jn. 3:13; Mt. 5:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:13-17; 4:1-5, 12-19; Jn. 15:14-16:3; 17:14
 - b) Future _____ (3:2)**
 - c) Passionate _____ (3:3)**

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. **Who are you?** How do you identify yourself? What is your primary identity? How does John identify us in 1 John 3:1-2? (see also John 1:12; Rom. 8:14; Gal. 3:26; 4:5) How do you identify other members of your local church? What difference would it make in the way we treat one another if we primarily saw each other the way John describes us? (see 1 Tim. 5:1-2; Gal. 6:9-10)
2. A large percentage of the world's population knows the name "**Jesus.**" Why does John say that the world did not know Him? What does he mean by the word "**know**"? In what sense does the world not know us? What is it about us that doesn't make sense to unsaved people, makes them not want to be close to us, or even makes them hate us (John 15:18-16:3)? What are some specific biblical morality issues that the world hates right now? What is our responsibility when it comes to these issues? (see Mt. 5:10-20; Eph. 5:1-16)
3. As it pertains to genuine believers in Jesus Christ, what does the word "**glorification**" mean? When a true believer dies, what happens to their body and to their soul/spirit? (see 2 Cor. 5:8; Rev. 6:9-11) When will we be glorified? In what sense(s) will we be like Jesus? What will happen to our bodies when we are glorified? (see Rom. 8:14-25; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-57) What do those passages tell us about how we should live now because we know what will happen to us in the future? (see also 2 Pet. 3:10-18)
4. What is our part in 1 John 3:3? **Active or passive?** (see Phil. 2:12-13; 3:12-14; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet. 1:14-16; 2 Pet. 1:5-8) What specific resources has God provided for us so we can grow in purity? What are you doing on a daily basis to passionately pursue being as pure as Jesus is pure? By God's grace, what worldly things will you say "no" to so you can say "yes" to growing in godliness? (see Titus 2:11-14; 1 Tim. 4:7-10; 6:6-19)
5. **Do you know Jesus?** Have you truly been born again and adopted into His forever family? Does your moral lifestyle reveal an obvious family resemblance? Are you experiencing persecution because of your commitment to obediently follow Jesus (Jn. 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12)? Are you living like an alien and stranger in this world (Heb. 11:13-16; 1 Pet. 2:9-12)?
6. If you have not yet turned from sin in repentance and put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, why wouldn't you do that right now? What temporal thing(s) this world has to offer could possibly be more important than being forgiven, adopted by God, and living forever in His perfect kingdom?
7. **Memorize 1 John 3:1-3.** By the power of the Holy Spirit live like children of God.

[Answer to blanks: Transformation; Participation]