First John – Chapter Three

"How to Be a Real Deal Christian"

I John 3:1-3 "Real Deal Christians Know We Have A Loving Father"

Some Key Points:

- 1) Our Father loves us g_____!
- 2) We are God's c_____. We are part of His eternal family, and have special rights and privileges of family members (see Luke 8:19-21; John 1:12-13).
- 3) Someday we will be eternally more l_____ our Father and live with Him. All sin and evil and negative things of this world will be gone forever! (see Rev 21:1-4, 22:1-5; John 14:1-3).
- 4) Our future h_____ should motivate us to purify ourselves like our Father is pure ("like father like son").

I John 3:4-10 "Real Deal Christians Resemble Their Father"

Some Key Points:

- 1) Sin is s_____ and should not be characteristic of a child of God.
- 2) Sin is n_____ the identifying characteristic of those who live in Him (we are new creations see II Cor 5:17).
- 3) Jesus t_____ our sin and sin's consequences.
- 4) Jesus came to d______ the devil's work (see Hebrews 2:14-15; Col 2:13-15).

I John 3:11-20 "Real Deal Christians Love Their Brothers and Sisters"

Some Key Points:

- 1) We should l_____ one another.
- 2) Another sign that we are truly saved is that we l_____ other Christians.
- 3) We should sacrificially g_____ of our lives to help others.
- 4) Real love includes a_____, not only words (see James 2:14-17).

I John 3: 21-24 "Real Deal Christians Have Confidence Before God"

Some Key Points:

- Obeying God's commands and doing what pleases Him gives us c_____ in prayer.
- 2) God's basic commands include: b_____ in Jesus and l_____ each other (see John 6:29, 13:34-35).
- 3) Obeying God results in a close r_____ with Him.