

UNSHAKEABLE

INTIMACY WITH GOD LEADS TO CONFIDENT FAITH

About the Series: In a dark world, God is light. In a cold world, God brings love. In a dying world, God brings life. In this study of John's first letter, you will learn what it means to be in fellowship with God and see that growing more intimately close to Him builds up a confident faith that will allow you to be unshakeable in times of uncertainties.

PART 4

A Child of the King

1 John 2:28-3:9 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan

Discussion Questions

1. What do you appreciate most about being born into your family?
2. Take a look at 1 John 2:28-3:9 and discuss the following principles of how you can find encouragement to live a righteous life.

Desiring to stand before the Lord confidently presenting our lives without shame should encourage us to live righteous lives (v. 28-29). What reason did John give to encourage the Christians to continue in Christ (v. 28)? Being a child of God, what are the things you are doing right? On the other hand, what are the things that Christians do that they should be ashamed of when they eventually face God? What does it mean to live righteously? Is it possible to do so at all?

The privilege and benefits of being children of God should motivate us to live righteous lives (v. 1-3). Are you proud to be called a child of God? What makes you proud of it? What are the privileges of being God's child (ch. 3:2-3)? Why should it motivate you to live righteously? Are you thankful that God has adopted you through Jesus Christ? How long should you be thankful for it?

Knowing that being a child of God and living a sinful life are incompatible should persuade us to live righteous lives (v. 4-6).

What is sin? How does the world today mask the destructive nature of sin? How did John explain why sin is incompatible with Jesus Christ (v. 5-6)? If God hates sin, how then should you as His child treat sin? What would happen to your Christian testimony if you were to continue to live in sin? How would you hurt God by doing so? How would a person who is abiding in Christ deal with sin?

Recognizing that sin was destroyed by Jesus on the cross should embolden children of God to live righteous lives (v. 7-9).

How do false teachers in our time minimize the gravity of sin or justify that sin is somehow okay? Where did all sin originate? What did Jesus Christ do so that you can be free from the sin that separates you from Him? How does this affect how children of God are encouraged to live a righteous life?

Reflect & Respond

As children of the Almighty King, how are you putting in the time, effort, and patience to live righteously? When you fall into sin, how do you purify yourself to get back on track in living for Christ?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You that with Your help it is possible for me to live righteously. May You help me to change my daily habits so that I may be confident and unashamed before Christ when I see Him face to face. Thank You for the privilege and benefits of being Your child. May I be motivated to live a life that gives glory to Your name. This I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.