

Light, Love, & Life Series:
How The Incarnation Helps Us Live Out The Sacred
The Father's Love For His Children
1 John 3:1a

- I. Behold
 - A. To take special notice
 - B. Concern yourself
 - C. Pay attention to this truth
- II. What Truth? God's Great Love
 - A. How great/how wonderful
 - 1. Usually has built in the question of "what kind"
 - 2. Usually has built in something at which to marvel
 - B. A love
 - 1. Can we possibly begin to measure the depth and width of God's love?
 - 2. Can such a perfect love ever be exhausted?
 - C. Bestowed
 - 1. Given/granted to
 - 2. Poured/placed upon
 - D. Us – a communal reception
 - 1. Not just to me – too selfish and individualistic
 - 2. Not just you – too detached and impersonal
- III. To What End? Children of God
 - A. Called
 - 1. To give a name to
 - 2. To summon or invite
 - B. Children of God

- 1. Notice the tenderness – children
 - 2. Notice the association – of God
 - 3. Notice the extent – plurality of children
 - 4. Notice the transition – from foe to family
- C. It is the truth! AND WE ARE!
- 1. It is not a potential hope
 - 2. It is our present reality
 - 3. Do we live as the children of God that we are?