

**SERIES TITLE:** DEEPER

**PART 7:** DEEP HOPE

**TEXT:** 1 JOHN 2:28-3:10

**INTRODUCTION.**

The theme of this series comes from 1 John 2:24, “If what you heard from the beginning lives deeply in you, you will live deeply in both Son and Father.” [The Message] We all want to be deep. We want something lasting, substantive, and profound. This study of 1 John calls us to deeply root ourselves in Jesus, in order to thrive in a fallen world.

**DISCUSSION.**

In [“Dying of Despair,”](#) Psychiatrist Aaron Kheriaty noted the startling rise in deaths from suicide. He pointed to long-term research that shows the difference between those who survive and those who die isn’t about pain, money, or culture. “The most dangerous factor is a person's sense of hopelessness....We cannot live without hope.” Do you agree or disagree with this? Why?

**EXAMINATION.**

- 2:28-29 What does John state as being true of God’s children?
- 3:1 What is the basis of our identity as children of God?
- Why doesn’t the world recognize us as such and does it matter?
- 3:2 What will the children of God be “when he appears”?
- 3:3 What is this hope and how does it relate to purity?
- 3:4-10 How does this support what it means to “purify” oneself?
- What is the devil’s work that Jesus came to destroy?

**APPLICATION.**

- Deep hope is found in these two facts: knowing I am God’s child, and knowing I am destined for glory. Which of these do you find the most challenging to accept and why?

- There are only two categories of people in this world. Either you are a child of God through faith in Christ, or you are not. How does that impact those who once claimed to follow Jesus, but no longer do so? (refer to 2:4, 15, 22-23; 3:6, 7-10)
- Sinless perfection is not possible in this life, so when I fail and sin, how do I know that my identity as God's child is secure? (refer to 1:7-9; 2:1-2)
- If the mission of the church is NOT to correct the world's values nor curb its immorality, what is the church's mission in the world?
- How has the presence of "deep hope" been evident in your life? Or where has its absence been obvious?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?