

Blessed Assurance | Sunday, March 15, 2026

(5-10 min) *Optional Ice Breaker: What is something you do, say, or enjoy that clearly came from your parents, family, or home you were raised in?*

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!

Announcements

SPRING SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

OIKOS, BIG BLUE, and MATTHEW PARTY: Click [HERE](#) for three simple but powerful ways to engage missionally with unbelievers as a group. Make plans with your group to try each one sometime this Spring and let us know how it goes!

HELP SHORT TERM MISSION GOERS: Every short term mission goer needs support: prayer, encouragement, and financial. Choose a goer (or family) from [THIS LIST](#) and commit as a group to support them. Make sure to add your group's name to the list, as we hope to have each goer adopted by a home group.

ALPHA COMETS: Alpha Comets helps UT Dallas international students experience community and explore life's big questions. Help them learn about Jesus and engage the gospel by praying and providing a meal. Learn more and sign up [HERE!](#)

Read God's Word Aloud

1 John 2:28-3:10

28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

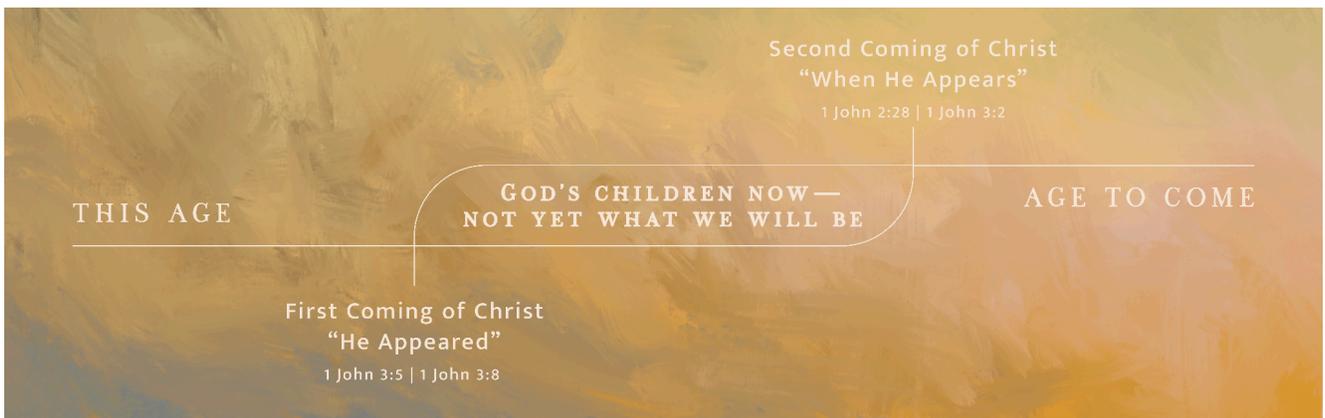
3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know



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that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. **3** And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. **4** Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. **8** Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. **9** No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. **10** By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.





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Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: *The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to “get through” every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.*

Start here: *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon about it.*

- According to verses 2:28-29, what connection does John make between being born of God and practicing righteousness?
- What explanation does verse 3:9 give for why someone born of God does not keep practicing sin?
- Verse 4 says “sin is lawlessness”. What does this definition teach us about the nature of sin?
- If our future hope is to be like Christ when he appears, how should that shape the way we deal with sin right now? In what ways do you deceive yourself about your sin?
- If Christ returned today, would you feel confident and joyful to see him, or hesitant and ashamed? What does this say about your understanding of the Gospel?
- Knowing there are parts of your life that don't honor God, what is the Lord prompting you to confess, repent of, or grow in? Spend time seeking the Lord with those in your group, asking Him to reveal any blind spots or potential areas for growth.



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Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Praise God for Christ's sacrifice on the cross to take away the penalty for our sins, and that our identity is secure in Christ. Worship Him for being the Lord of heaven and earth; He is worthy of all honor, glory, and praise.

Father, you are the creator of the universe, all knowing, all powerful, and ever present in our lives. In your love for us, you sent your son, Jesus, to pay the price we never could for our sins. We confess that our hearts are easily swayed by the things of this world. We are quick to reflect a worldly identity and patterns of behavior that are not of you. Holy Spirit, we ask that you help us resist the patterns of sin that so easily entangle us. That you would empower us to live a life that clearly reflects that we belong to you, and that we would grow in righteousness. Remind us of our identity as your beloved children when we forget. Fix our hope on the day when we will see Jesus as he is and be made like him.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for March

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:35 (ESV)