

**Are You a Prepper?**

**I John 3:1-3**



*1 John 3:1*

*<sup>1</sup> Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called children of God!*



*1 John 3:1-3 (NASB)*

*<sup>1</sup> See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*



*<sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.*

*<sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*



# **I. Two Major Events**

## **A. God's Child**



*Luke 15:10 (NKJV)*

*<sup>10</sup> Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Who is so joyful?*



*John 1:12 (NASB)*

*<sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,*



# **I. Two Major Events**

## **B. Face to Face with Jesus**





*1 John 2:28 (NKJV)*

*28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.*



## II. Preparation for the Jesus encounter.

### A. Purify yourself.

*<sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1 John 3:3)*



*Matthew 5:8 (NKJV)*

*<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.*



*2 Corinthians 7:1 (NKJV)*

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*



## II. Preparation for the Jesus encounter.

### B. Love the Brethren

*1 John 3:10 (NKJV)*

*<sup>10</sup> In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*



## *Revelation 7:9 (NLT2)*

*<sup>9</sup> After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.*

