

Like Father: 1 John 3:1-2

Part 1: Beloved

Consider the love of the Father:

**The love that we are most used to is *eros*:**

**The love that God has for us is *agape*:**

What do you think God wants from you?

To accept your true **identity** and **destiny** as his \_\_\_\_\_.

God doesn't love us \_\_\_\_\_ we are valuable, God's love  
\_\_\_\_\_ us valuable.

Application:

## *Life Group Study Guide*

***This week, before you go to your Life Group:***

Read 1 John 2:28-3:2. What does this passage say about what God thinks of you? Think of your insecurities and weaknesses. How does this passage help give you strength and confidence?

***Life Group Discussion Questions:***

What is the primary way you think of who God is? (Examples: a strict rule enforcer, taskmaster, friend, punisher, old man floating on a cloud, etc.) How do you think the way we view God impacts the way we relate to Him? Discuss practical examples from your life about how your view of God affects the way you live with Him.

Read 1 John 2:28-3:2. What do you learn about how God wants us to view our relationship with Him based on these verses? What do you learn about Him? What do you learn about us?

Can you recall from Sunday's message, what the difference between *eros* and *agape* is? How does this impact the way you think about God as 'Father'? How does it alter the way that you think about your relationship to Him and how you relate to him on a daily basis?

In 1 John, the audience is often addressed as "Beloved." Do you think there is a difference between "being loved" by someone and being someone's "Beloved"?

How would your self-esteem/confidence be different if you knew you were loved no matter what? One of the main points from the message on Sunday was that God wants us to accept our true identity and destiny as His Beloved. How would this perspective on God (the Father) change your perspective of yourself?

What is 1 way that you can make sure your identity is rooted as God the Father's Beloved on a daily basis?