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Sermon Notes for October 4th, 2026
"A Journey through the Book of 1st John"
"The Lavish Love of God Our Father"

Sermon Text: **1 John 3:1-10 (NIV);** Old Testament Text: **Psalm 136:1-10;** Gospel Text: **John 1:14-18.** Read the passage below, then answer the questions.

1 John 3:1-10 (NIV): See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. 5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. 6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. 7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

1. Read **1 John 3:1.** What does the word ***lavished*** mean?

2. Why does God give His love to us so abundantly?

3. Why doesn't the world recognize us as ***God's children?***

4. Read **1 John 3:2.** According to this verse, why should we look forward to Christ's return with great anticipation?

5. Read **1 John 3:3.** How do we ***purify ourselves?***

6. Is this possible on our own? If not, who must we rely on to accomplish this?

7. Read **1 John 3:4.** How does John define sin?

8. Read **1 John 3:5.** How did Jesus take away our sins?

9. What are two different ways of interpreting: ***And in Him is no sin?***

10. Read **1 John 3:6.** What is the difference between ***committing a sin*** and ***continuing in sin***?

11. Read **1 John 3:7.** How does our relationship with Jesus help us to live this verse out?

12. Read **1 John 3:8.** What are three steps we can take to find victory over sins that tempt us on a regular basis?

13. Read **1 John 3:9.** Who intervenes on a believer's behalf to keep them from ***continuing in sin?***

14. How does He do this?

15. Read **1 John 3:10.** What two things define a true ***child of God?***

16. What will you remember most from this message?