

# ***Behold What Manner of Love!***

*I John 3:1*

**Introduction:** In all of John's epistles there is a reoccurring theme. We learn from John that "God so loved the world he gave His only Son," "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." and finally here, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" (John 3:16, 15:13, I John 3:1). This morning we will take a closer look into this last verse.

## I. The Love of The Father

- A. Its Eternal Origin (*Ephesians 3:8-11*)
- B. Its Peculiar Objects (*Job 7:17, 15:14, Psalm 8:4, 144:3*)
- C. Its Costly Sacrifices (*Hebrews 10:4, 11-14, Ephesians 5:2*)

## II. Calling Us Family

- A. Adopted into His Family (*Philemon 3, I Timothy 5:1-2*)
- B. Given His Name (*Ephesians 3:14-19, Acts 11:26, I Peter 4:16*)
- C. Becoming His Heirs (*Romans 8:14-17, Galatians 3:29, Ephesians 3:6*)
- D. Given Privileges (*I Corinthians 9:25, John 14:2, Hebrews 11:16*)

## III. Ignorance of the World

- A. Ignorant of His Grace (*Romans 3:24, 4:4, 5:8*)
- B. Ignorant of the Cost (*Romans 12:1, Acts 16:29-34, Hebrews 10:26-31*)
- C. Ignorant of the Privileges (*II Thessalonians 1:7-9, Galatians 5:4*)

**Conclusion:** God's love for us is truly remarkable! Sending His Son, allowing a rebellious people back into heaven, and allowing erring children back into His household. Thanks be to God always! Praise His name for all eternity!