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LAVISH LOVE - 1 JOHN 3:1-3

INTRODUCTION

Gods love for you is incredibly 'lavish'. His love for you has always been the same and will never change. There is nothing you can do which will change it because it's 'out of this world!'

LAUNCH

1. John prepares us by getting us to stop and "SEE". The KJV uses the word "BEHOLD". We live in a fast paced world, what's your life like? Have you thought about how you can slow down and just listen or gaze at what God is communicating to you?
2. John wants us to see and understand Gods 'lavish' love. When you here the word lavish what do you think of? How do you feel about God's lavish love?

DISCOVERY AND UNDERSTANDING

1. Verse 1 talks about God's love being different, "*see what great love.*"
The Greek terminology John describes it as is (ποταπός, ή, όν) 'Potapos' which means out of this world. What does this tell you about God's love for you?
2. We often hear people say, "If you're a good person, surely you'll get to heaven?"
If we know that God's love is 'out of this world,' how can we explain our answer them?
3. We heard on Sunday how young babies/children can't do anything for themselves. They have to be fed, comforted and looked after. We then read in the bible how we become children of God. How does this happen and why do you think Jesus said you must be born again?

APPLICATION

1. Knowing and understanding Gods love for you will **radically transform** the way we live. Fear can grip us at any time in many different ways. The bible teaches us not to be fearful but to understand that His love for us brings peace and hope.
2. He doesn't call us to fully **understand** the truth He simply says....come and stand **under** the truth. Consider how that can be done.