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**FAMILY,
TOGETHERNESS,
HOME!**

- But what about tough family situations?

THE FAMILY OF GOD!

**JOHN SHARES 3
AREAS THAT WE'RE TO
ENCOURAGE
BELIEVERS:**



I. An emphatic understanding (v. 1) [3 words do this]

- A. **“Behold”** – see, take a look at, direct your attention to, ὁραω – root verb. The word indicates – to ponder, to study [it’s both a command & exclamation]
- B. **“What manner of”** ποταπην – meaning “how great” “what great” (*difficult to translate...because no precise, parallel in English*)
- C. Indescribable Love ➔ **“bestowed upon us”** given, lavished on us

II. An honored position “we should be called the sons of God”

- A. Doctrine of Adoption – we are adopted children of God!
- B. This is what we are - και εσμεν ➔ “and we are”, “and so we are”, “and that is what we are” (“και εσμεν” not in the KJV)

III. An ignorant world

- A. The reason, a theological reason
- B. Lifestyle reason – it shows in the life of a true believer.
Either we are the children of God ➔ Or we’re NOT

IN CHRIST – where I **am**, the WORLD – where I was.

CONCLUSION:

- Child of God: you need to stop and **think** about...
- We are children of God! Think about that, meditate on that.
- And we’re going home, (John 14) there’s no place like home.