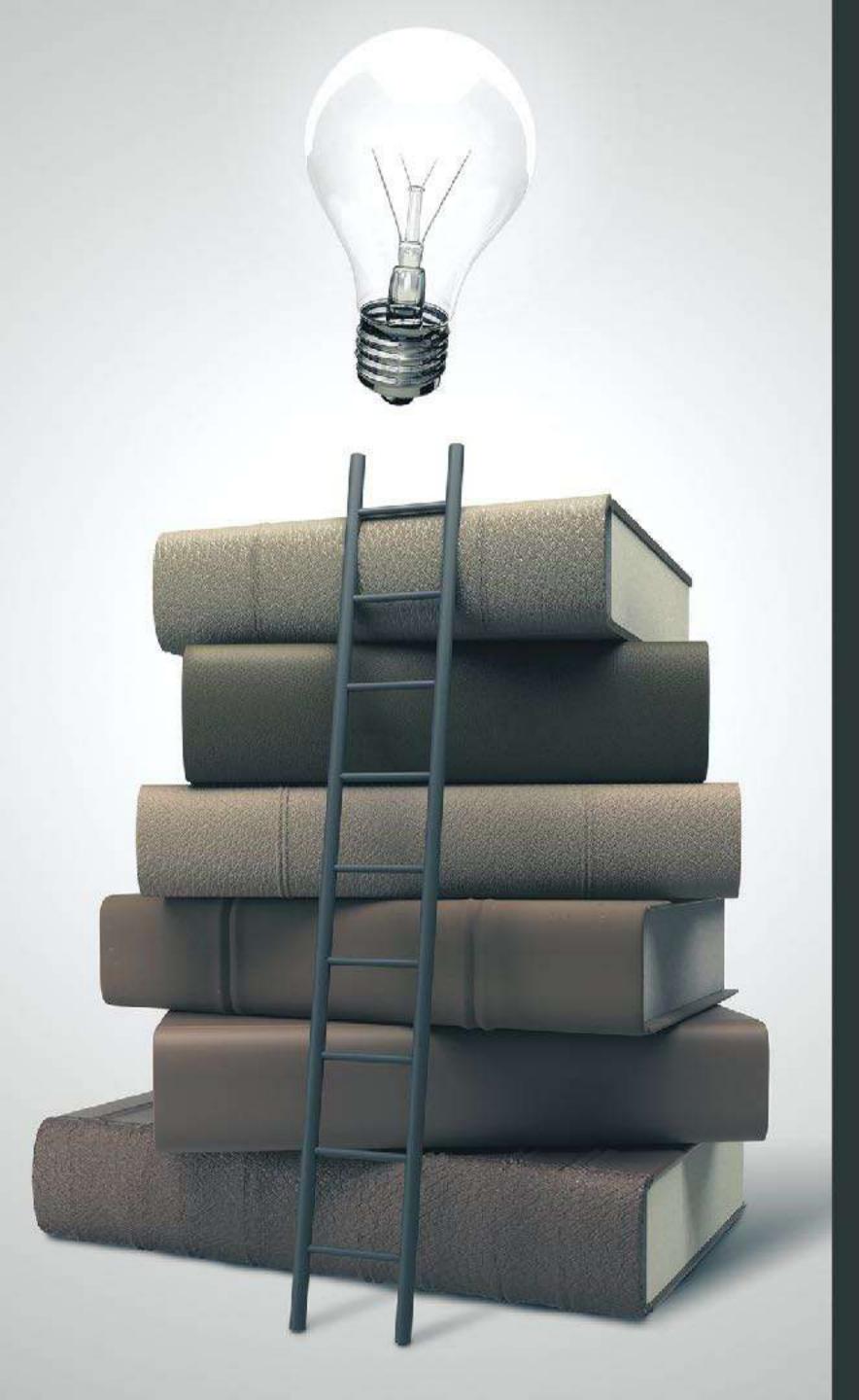


Three things remain: faith, hope, and love.

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1 Corinthians 13:13

Because Jesus is returning, you must live a life of hope.



YOU MUST ABIDE IN CHRIST BECAUSE OF THE HOPE THAT IS YOURS (2:28)

 "Dear children" - Once again John uses a term of pastoral endearment

• "Abide in him" - Present active indicative indicating ongoing action



YOU MUST PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS BECAUSE OF THE HOPE THAT IS YOURS (2:29)

THEME OF NEW BIRTH IN 1 JOHN

- 2:29 "Born of him"
- 3:9 "No one who is born of God"
- 4:7 "Everyone who loves has been born of God"
- 5:1 "Everyone who believes Jesus is the Christ is born of God"
- 5:4,18 "Whosoever is born of God"



YOU MUST PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS BECAUSE OF THE HOPE THAT IS YOURS (2:29)



YOU MUST EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE BECAUSE OF THE HOPE THAT IS YOURS (3:1)

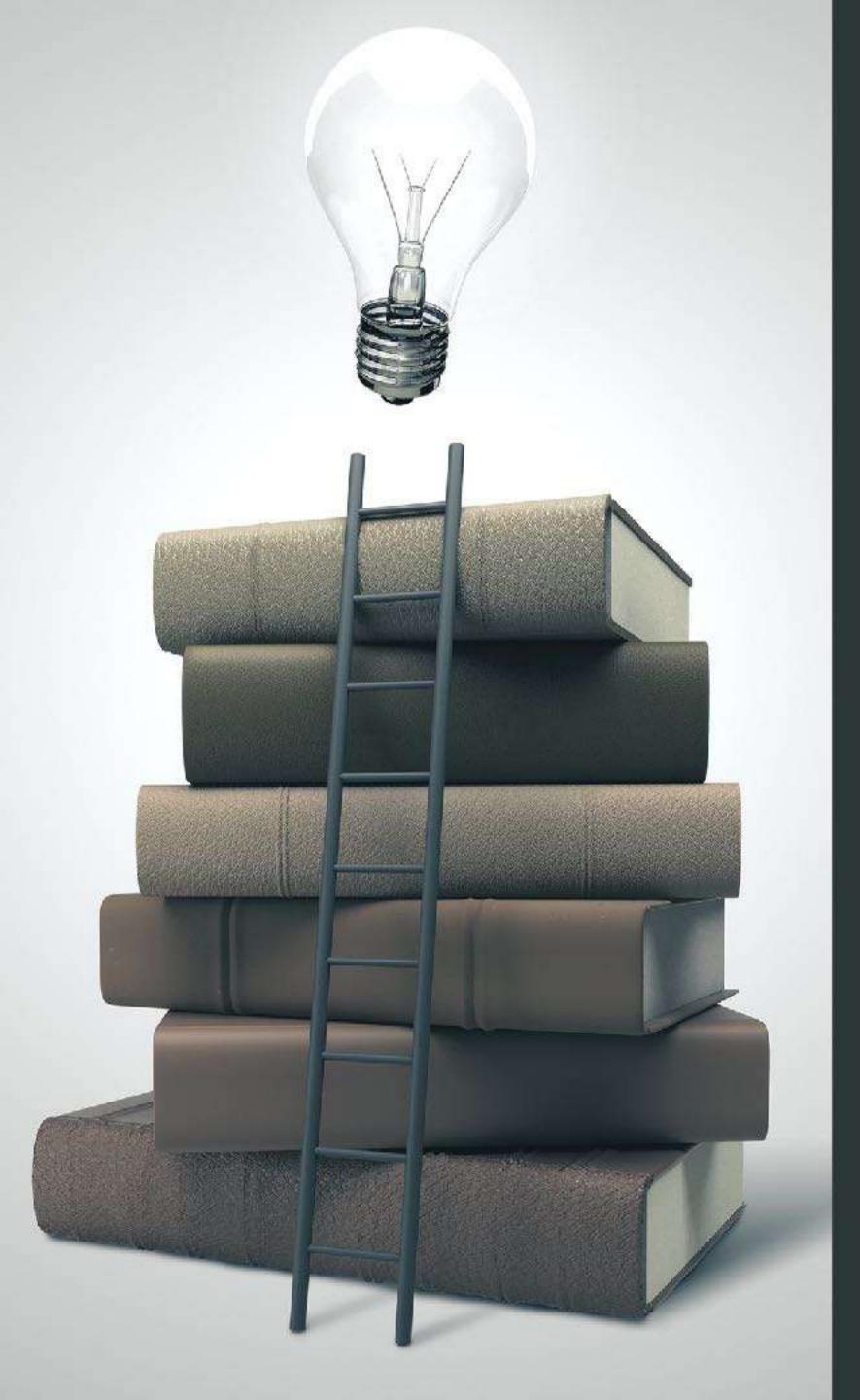
• The beginning of chapter 3 is a continuation of the thought that ended chapter 2.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made; Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

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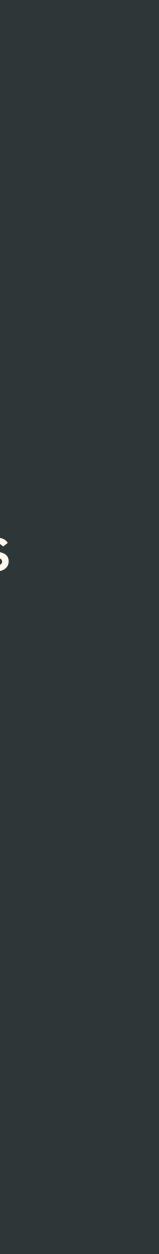
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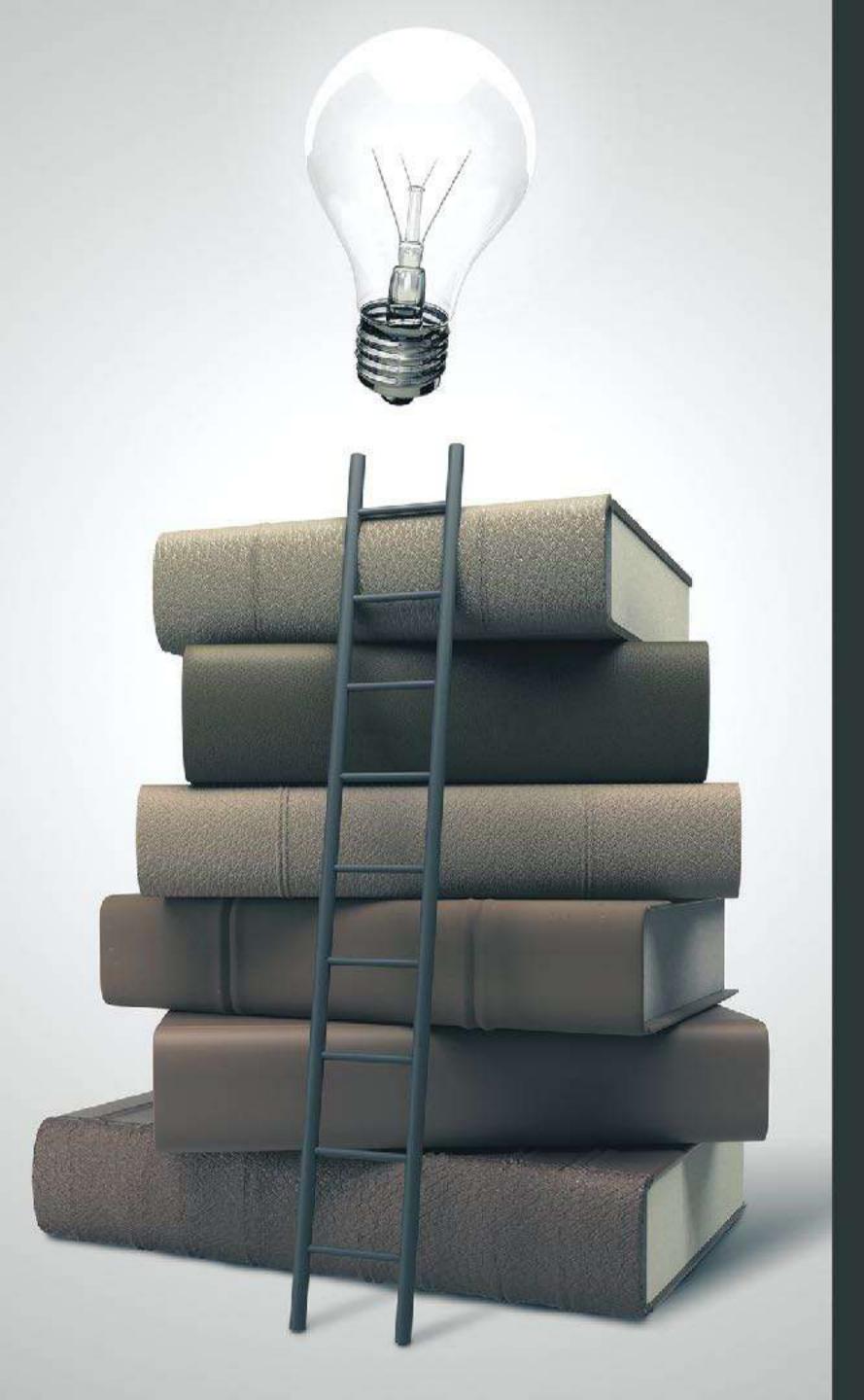


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YOU WILL BECOME LIKE JESUS BECAUSE OF THE HOPE THAT IS YOURS (3:2)

• You will be like Jesus for you will see Him as





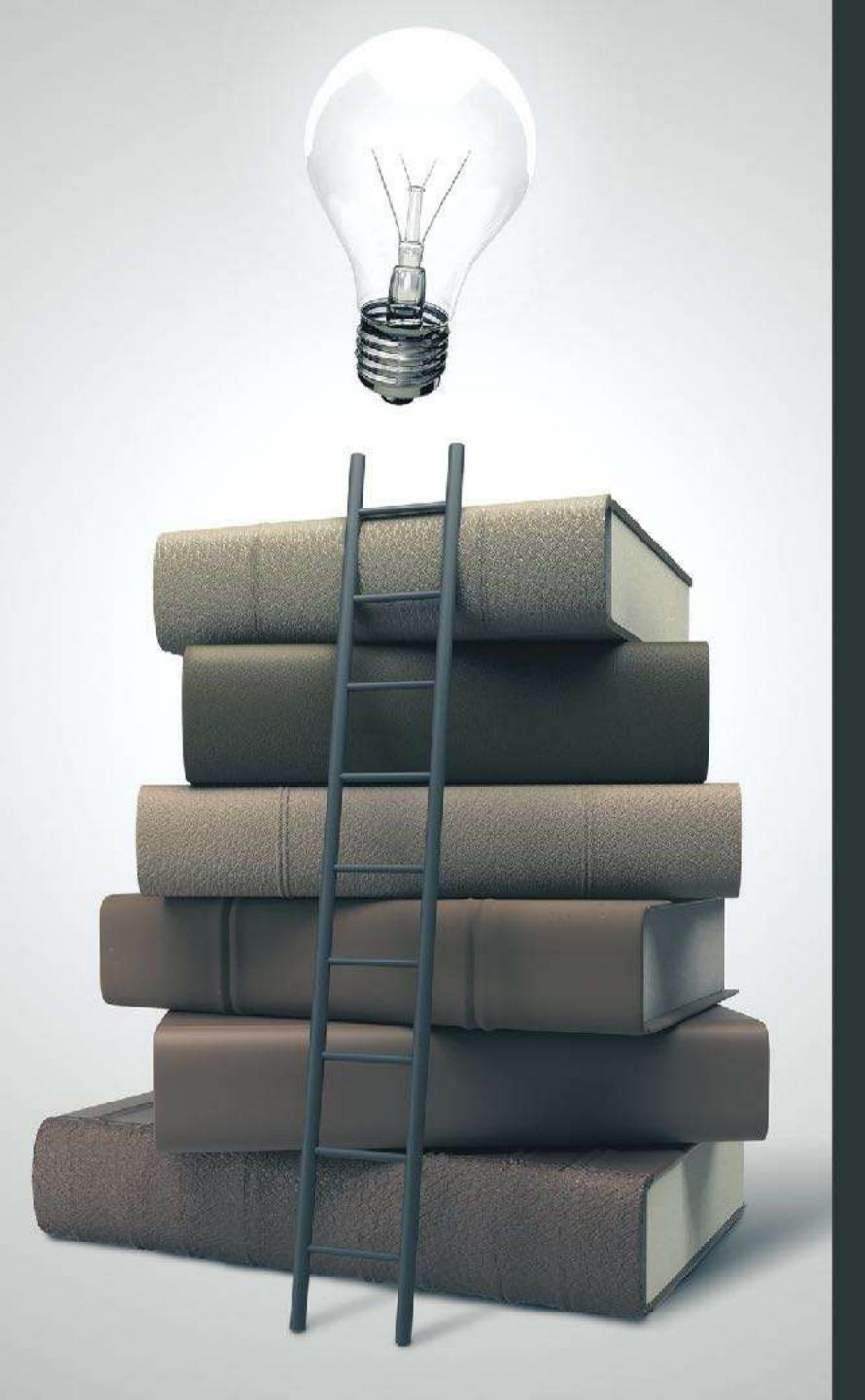
• When this hope is fixed in him it produces a growing desire to be like Him now.

YOU MUST PURIFY YOURSELF BECAUSE OF THE HOPE THAT IS **YOURS (3:3)**

UNDERSTANDING WHAT JOHN IS TEACHING IN 1 JOHN 3:3

- The idea of purifying oneself does not mean that a believer generates his own sanctification
- does not take place apart from the believer's obedience

Rather, this emphasizes that the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit



YOU MUST PURIFY YOURSELF BECAUSE OF THE HOPE THAT IS YOURS (3:3)

