Perhaps the message could have been entitled

"A Christ-follower's Guide to Gratitude."

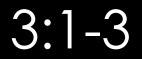
FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FAITHFUL ONE: CHILDREN OF GOD 1 John 2:28 – 3:10



<u>Through</u> Jesus, we can appear <u>before</u> Jesus confident and unashamed...

He's coming back! Not "if" but "when." John 14:3-4

There is evidence of His life in us



His love is lavishly bestowed on us

We are not just called His children; we ARE His children! (John 1:12-13; 3:1-21

But wait, there's more!

VSS. 4-6

"Everyone who sins..." means everyone. (Rom. 3:23, 6:23) By God's grace, we have One who takes away our sin. AND He is sinless, so He is perfectly suited for it.

If a person lives in Christ, there is victory over sin. Rom 6:14

VSS. 7-10

The Son of Man, Jesus, appeared to destroy the works of the devil. Col. 2:13-15; Gen. 3:14-15

God's seed remains in the true follower of Jesus. What a beautiful picture of life, hope, etc.

He loves us enough to challenge/stretch us