

**TWO15** *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."* (2 Timothy 2:15)

## **The Study of 1 John: Joy Through Abiding Fellowship** **The Believer's Birthright – 1 John 3:1-24**

### **The Believer's Birthright:**

*"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him."* (1 John 3:1)

#### **1) Our Birthright is Hope. (3:1-3)**

We are an enigma to the world.

Hope produces purity.

#### **2) Our Birthright is Righteousness. (3:4-10)**

Sin and lawlessness are irrevocably connected.

Habitual sin is inconsistent with our birthright.

#### **3) Our Birthright is Sacrificial Love. (3:11-18)**

The overriding message is love.

The two options are hate and love.

#### **4) Our Birthright is Confidence in the Holy Spirit. (3:19-24)**

The problem of an insecure faith.

The power of a confident heart.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss how you have experienced misunderstanding as a Christian from the world.
2. If believers sin, how can we have confidence in our faith?
3. How can we show love to our fellow Christians?