

JESUS IS COMING

I John 2:28-3:3

How should we live in light of Christ's return?

I. BE HOLY (28-29)

A. ABIDING IN HIM (28)

1. The Command: Stay connected!
 - a. Stay connected to God's people (2:18-19)
 - b. Stay connected to God's truth (2:21)
 - c. Stay connected to God's Spirit (2:27)
2. The Consequences
 - a. Fearlessness: Confidence when He appears
 - b. Shamelessness: No shrinking away when He comes

B. PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS (29)

1. An Identification: Doing righteousness
2. A Stipulation:
 - Practicing righteousness and not simply proclaiming it
3. The Recognition: You are not alone

II. BE HOPEFUL (1-3)

A. AS GOD'S CHILD (1)

1. Our Standing with God: Wow!
 - a. Greatly loved
 - b. Wonderfully supplied
 - c. Amazingly identified
2. Our Status with the World: Weird!
 - See I Peter 2:11 and Heb. 11:13

B. ABOUT CHRIST-LIKENESS (2)

1. The Anticipation: We don't know the details
2. The Transformation: We will be like Him
 - See I Cor. 15:49-53
3. The Revelation: We will see Him just as He is
 - See I Cor. 13:12
4. An Illustration - I Thess. 4:16-17

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C. WITH PURIFYING AMBITION (3)

1. Our Motivation: God's blessings
 - The fact that I'm God's child who will be changed into His image, inspires me to be pure.
2. Our Mission: Spotlessness
 - Being prepared and presented to God for sacred service
3. Our Model: Christ Himself
 - A progressive sanctification and growth in holiness

CONCLUSION:

Jesus is coming and we should be holy and hopeful.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. - I Peter 1:3-5

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