

JESUS IS COMING!

I John 2:28-3:3

Let's consider some instructions regarding Christ's next coming.

I. BE READY (28-29)

A. ABIDE IN HIM (28a)

1. Resting in Him – staying put! - John 15:4-6
2. Determine that He is enough! - Don't go looking for something more.

B. PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS (28b)

1. Confidence: A clear conscience and open communication
2. Not shrinking away: Not ashamed, disgraced or having anything about which to be embarrassed. > No blushing impulse that shouts, "Not yet!"

C. DEMONSTRATE DISCERNMENT (29)

1. Consider righteousness factors – For yourself and then others
2. Do your associates practice righteousness or pretend it?
 - a. Consider: 2:4-6; 3:10; 4:1-3, 7-8, 15
 - b. Also see II Tim. 3:1-7 and 4:3-4 with Matt. 23:23-26
3. Confirm and then congregate with real Christians!

II. BEHOLD (3:1)

A. THE FOCUS

1. See! Look! Examine closely - A present imperative
2. Give this your absolute closest attention, concentrate, contemplate
3. Consider this completely - Marvel at its facets!
4. We have a duty ... we make this decision

B. THE OBJECTS

1. The Father's Love
 - a. The magnitude (manner) of the love - John 3:16
 - b. The beauty of the bestowment
 - Given not earned ... The blessing of adoption! - Gal. 4:4-7
2. The World's Distance
 - a. They do not understand us see Matt. 10:21-25 and John 15:18-21
 - b. ... And that's OK! - II Tim. 3:10-12

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III. **BE INFORMED** (3:2)

A. OUR PRESENT KINSHIP

- We are now children of God – the deal is done > Assurance!

B. A CURRENT MYSTERY

1. We do not know for sure all that we will be
2. Not everything about heaven and our future has been revealed

C. A FUTURE REVELATION

1. We will be like Him - cf. Phil. 3:20-21
 - Not subject to sin, death, disease or decay
2. Because we will see Him as He is!
 - An immediate transformation - I Cor. 15:50-58

IV. **BE SANCTIFIED** (3:3)

A. PURITY BASED UPON HOPE - Titus 2:11-13

1. Don't quit! - Exp: Judas was a quitter!
2. Your current job and obligation is to keep yourself pure

B. PURITY PATTERNED AFTER CHRIST

1. Don't substitute another standard – you look to Jesus and live by His standard
2. Don't get content that you are “good enough”
3. Don't think you have arrived - The purifying is an ongoing matter until He comes

CONCLUSION:

Are you prepared for Christ's return?

- Do you believe He is coming?
- Do you behave accordingly?