



First Epistle of John

1 John 2:28 – Promise of Christ's Return

- Summary of *1 John 1:24-27*
 - Emphasis in abiding in the truth, the Son and the Father.
 - Reminder that in this truth we have eternal life.
 - But (emphatic) beware of other teachers who may lie.
 - Emphasizes dependency on the role of the Holy Spirit.
- ***1 John 2:28 - And now, little children, abide in Him, that when (if) He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.***
 - *And (ye) now* – as opposed to future time; also, emphatic - why?
 - » *John 16:22 - “Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.”*
 - *little children (teknion)* – defined literally as a little child but most often in NT used as a term for teachers to address their pupils (disciples).
 - » *1 John 2:1 – My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*
 - » *1 John 2:12 - I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake.*



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- *abide in Him*
 - *The theme of 1 John!*
 - *Abiding* refers to that intimate relationship with God assessed by how much which we walk in the light of the new life we have in Christ – a process!
- *that when (if) He appears*
 - The aorist passive subjunctive here is better translated as *if* rather than *when*.
 - Do you think this distinction in conjunctions is important?
 - There is no uncertainty unto fact that He will return but the time thence.
 - *appears* – *phaneroō* is translated for both his first and second coming!
 - Why is this in the passive voice, isn't He *coming*, and we will see Him?
 - » *1 John 1:2* - (For the life **was manifested**, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
 - » *1 John 3:2* - Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, **but we know that when He is revealed**, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
- *we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming*.
 - What does it mean for us to have *confidence*?



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- Strong's – being free and fearless, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance.
- Why?
- Notice this is *may have confidence* – why *may have*?
 - Wuest - "May have" is *schōmen*, the aorist subjunctive, speaking of instantaneous action here. ... There is no need for a gradual adjustment to that fellowship into which he is being introduced at the Rapture, because the latter fellowship is just a continuation of the former. It is an instantaneous freedom of speech, of holy boldness, of assurance."
 - Because the results of our walk is all dependent on the Spirit of Jesus Christ.
 - » *Phil 1:19, 20 - For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.*
- *not be ashamed* – subjunctive passive, why?
 - What brings *shame* and why will not we be *ashamed* when He returns?
 - We all learned *shame* as children didn't, we!
 - » *Proverbs 29:15 - The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.*



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- And what happens at His coming?
- This relates to the judgment (rewards) seat of Christ, doesn't it?
 - » *2 Cor 5:10 - For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*
 - » *2 Cor 10:8 - For though **I should boast** somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and **not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:***
- *His coming.*
 - And why is this a glorious day for us?
 - » *1 Cor 15:23 - But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.***
 - » *1 Thess 2:19 - For what is **our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing?** Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?*
 - » *James 5:7,8 - **Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waited for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draws nigh.***
 - » *1 John 4:17 - **Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.***

Abiding Matters!



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John Wesley hymn – ‘Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness’ -1739

“Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress:
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
Bold shall I stand in Thy great day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am, -
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.”

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