

WEEK 19: "Hope In Abiding"
1 JOHN 2:28, 29

I. ABIDING IN HOPE

- A. [1Jo 2:28](#) **And now, little children, abide in him,**
- B. Original GK text reads, **“And now, little children, remain (abide) in Him, that if (when)He is manifested we may have confidence and not be ashamed from (before) Him at the coming of Him.”**
- C. **“And now”** connective phrase –
1. Warns of being deceived by those that are teaching false doctrine.
 2. **Such are out there** that reject Jesus Christ as being God and Savior
 3. **Then gives confidence of how Christ protects His own** → **You have the anointing from the Holy Spirit to understand truth**– trust truth from Christ alone.
 4. **Confident expectation = Hope**
- D. **little children,** – addressing those professing Christ → those dear to his heart
- E. Little children **“abide in him”**
1. **abide in** – meno *men'-o--*→To endure, continue
 2. mark of a true believer is one that continues to live, perseveres in the faith
 3. Jesus: [John 15:4](#) **Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.**
 4. **What are they abiding in? Abiding in Hope of Eternal Life!**
 5. **Christians sustain in hope because Hope is what sustains them!**
 - a. **True believers abide NOT in their own perfections,** but they remain, abide in their hope in Jesus Christ. → trusting in what He has done
 - b. Hope in Jesus Christ and His glorious return is sufficient to keep them abiding in Him throughout their lives.
 6. **confident not in themselves but in the promises of Christ**
 7. Paul comments→ [2Ti 4:8](#) **Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.**
 8. He was continually confident in what Christ promised that would await AND what Christ would think of his life when He came.
 9. **all who have loved his appearing**= those that have lived life “abiding in Him”
- F. True believers continue to **“abide in HIM”** –
1. If in Him from the beginning, you will continue in Him throughout your life
 2. Those that are **“abide[ing] in him”** are living for Him each day,
 3. Remaining in Him, preparing to meet Him, being obedient to Him

4. **Abiding** is not some hyper-spiritual experiential thing → its How one lives.
5. Simon Kistamacher: “Having fellowship with the Son is not just a spiritual exercise of prayer and meditation, but finds its fulfillment in the physical return of Jesus.”

G. Abiding in Him is living like Him

1. Obedience to what Christ has commanded.
2. In subjection to the direction of the Holy Spirit in you
3. Putting away sin and continually putting on Christ

H. Jesus: Mt 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

1. Abiding or enduring is not just waiting things out → living it out in daily life.
2. Hope is reflected in how you manage the trials of life, the blessedness of life

I. No one who truly is born of Christ will ever completely turn their backs on Him

1. Faith that fizzles before the finish, had a flaw from the first!
2. Faith itself is a gift from God and He never takes that back
3. **1John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.**

J. We continually abide in Him → why? so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

1. Believers understand they will one day be with Christ
2. Understand that one day they will stand in judgement before Christ giving an account
3. Now is the only time left to prepare!
4. Therefore **we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame**
5. **Attitude is that “I don’t want to be doing anything that I would feel ashamed of when He comes.”**
 - a. True believers know He is coming and are preparing for His arrival
6. Those that have faith of Jesus Christ, truly have this hope → hope leads to abiding.
7. **1Jo 3:2 Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.**
8. Not living in fear of Him coming—anticipate His coming and desire Him to come.
9. **have confidence** is not just a mental thing
 - a. **parrhesia par-rhay-see'-ah – freedom in speaking, unreservedness in speech**

K. have confidence and not shrink from him in shame

1. Ready because they know Whom they have believed and that He is able to save them.
2. Confidence that they have been forgiven

L. **Opposite is true—those pretending to abide in Christ have much to be concerned!**

M. **at his coming** → He is addressing those that he has confidence in their spiritual maturity.

II. ABIDING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

A. **1Jo 2:29** If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure [you know- NASB] that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

Righteous → dikaios - dik-ah-yos – just, right

C. **Two words for “know”**

1. **you know** -oikeios→ means to perceive an absolute truth;
2. **you may be sure [you know- NASB]** – ginosko → to perceive by experience

D. **John is stating the if you are believer, ie that you are born again**

1. You know that God Himself is holy, righteous, just→
2. You know by experience that everyone who knows Him (God) experientially, Also practices Holiness.

E. Not just that you claim to have intimate knowledge of God that actually is the verification of you being true believer, **BUT IT IS HOW YOU LIVE!**

F. Child of God, knows He is righteous→ they pursue that same righteousness!

G. Paul: **Ro 6:18** and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. **19 . . .** For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

H. **John is explaining here that those that are righteous (before God and therefore are born again) will practice righteousness**

1. **Cause and effect**
2. **Cause** is being born again– righteous before God
3. **Effect** of being born again - righteous before men

III. Application

A. John's encouragement to believers is that those Living in Hope are those Abiding in Christ.

B. And those abiding in Christ are living a life that manifest Christ

C. True believers will not only demonstrate salvation by their testimony but also by their life.

D. True believers look forward to the return of Christ and live a life pursuing righteous so as not to be ashamed when He comes

E. Jesus asks the question in Luke 18 after the parable of the unjust judge: **Lu 18:7** **And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"**

- F. Will those that profess Him be living a life that demonstrates they possess Him?
- G. Will they be glad to see Him or will they be ashamed?
- H. **Question that we must ask ourselves—Are you just passively waiting or are you actively pursuing righteousness and promoting God’s kingdom of Righteousness?**

IV. Discussion

- A. What does “abiding in Him” mean biblically?
- B. What does “abiding in Him” look like practically in your life?
- C. How does abiding relate to the “anointing” we studied previously?
- D. How is the righteousness of God affecting you?