

Series: Family Fellowship
"Assurance at His Appearing" # 11
1 John 2:28
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1. How do you want to meet Jesus? Do you want Him to find you faithful or unfaithful, fruitful or unfruitful, growing or backslidden?

2. Let's look at three words that tell us how to meet Jesus with Confidence- Abide, appear and ashamed.

I. Abide [v 28a].

If we are going to be prepared to meet him we must "abide," or "remain." The word "abide" speaks of union and communion, salvation and sanctification. Thus we will have confidence at his coming.

See **I John 2:19-20**

Two things are essential to abiding-

1. To abide in Christ is to abide with His body.

We can't be in fellowship with God unless we fellowship with a local N.T. Church. Why?

1 Tim. 3:15, "The house of God is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

What do we owe our church?

(1). You owe your church your presence.

Many believe in an invisible church. They are invisible on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights and Wednesday nights.

Your presence says you care and support what your church is doing. You want to be a part of what God is doing thru his local church.

(2). You owe your church your prayers.

You should pray daily for your pastor, deacons, and teachers. You should pray for its ministries and activities.

(3). You owe your church your participation.

I believe we should be involved in everything our church does. We should be involved in Sunday school, worship services, men's meeting and women's meeting.

We abide in Christ thru abiding in his body on earth, the church.

2. To abide in Christ means to abide in His book.

We believers have at least 3 responsibilities to the Word.

(1). You should study the Bible.

We should be Berean Christians [Acts 17:11]. Three words stand out to me- received, readiness, and search.

(2). You should store up the Bible.

We are told to hide the Bible in our hearts. What if you and your friends had no Bible? Would you be able to have a Bible study and prayer meeting?

(3). You should share the Word.

To abide is to share the Word with others “holding forth the Word of Life.”

Guess what happens when we abide in His book. The Word dwells richly in us [Col. 3:16] and we will walk in the Spirit.

A day by day surrendering and yielding to the Spirit’s control and the Spirit will control, cleanse, and change your life.

I. Abide [v 28a].

II. Appear [v. 28b].

Q- How do you want to be found when He appears?

1. You should be found looking for His appearing

Heb. 9:28, “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

“Confidence” means to wait patiently with anticipation and expectation. If we do these, it will change our worship, service, life, and priorities.

2. You should be found loving his appearing.

2 Tim. 4:8, “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

If we claim to love Jesus we should love his appearing. The world’s pleasures, possessions, and popularity can rob us of loving his appearing.

3. You should be found living for his appearing.

Titus 2:12-13, “Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

(13) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

I. Abide [v 28a].

II. Appear [v. 28b].

III. Ashamed [v. 28c]. 3 truths about the word ashamed-

1. All believers will appear before the judgment seat of Christ [Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10].

Some Christians live as if it doesn't matter how they live and God will skip over their sin or it doesn't matter to Him.

He will judge our works as to motive and quality according to our giftedness and opportunities he has given us.

2. Some believer's works will be accepted. We are accepted in the Beloved but we want to be acceptable when He appears.

Confidence means openness, no sense of restraint. We will not shrink back from his presence.

3. Some are going to be ashamed before Him. It means to shrink back from him in shame because their life has been an embarrassment.

Q- What will he find us doing, saying, or reading? Where will we be at when he comes, if He comes on the Lord's Day?

It is possible to be saved and yet ashamed when you see him and stand before Him.

I Cor. 3:15, "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

Or maybe he is talking to those ashamed because they are lost. Only you can answer that question- saved or lost!