

Abide in Him Today

1st John 2:28-3:1

A. Abide in Him _____ to be ready to meet Jesus _____. (2:28-29)

1. **The command to abide** (2:28a) – “And now, little children, abide in Him,”
 - *What does it mean to abide?*
 - *How is “abiding in Him” illustrated by Jesus Christ? – see John 15:1-8*

2. **One good reason to be abiding** (2:28b) – “that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.”
 - *When will Christ come?*
 - *How will you feel when He comes?*

3. **One way to understand abiding** (2:29) – “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.”
 - *What is Christ like?*
 - *What will a person be doing if the source of their life is Christ?*

The principle of 1 John 2:29 restated in context:

The child of God who abides in Him will live like Him: righteously.

B. Abide in Him by _____ at His love. (3:1-3)

1. **The command to behold the love (3:1a) –**

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us,”

2. **The results of God’s love toward us (3:1b-3:3) –**

“that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 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. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

- *What has God done for us in the past?*

- *What will God do for us in the future?*

- *What does God do for those of us who “behold” and “abide” in the present?*

The principle of 1 John 3:1-3 summarized and restated:

**The child of God who is looking at God’s love,
and all that God has provided by His love,
will be in the process of becoming more like God.**