

Sermon Reflections

Reasons to Remain (1 John 2:28 - 3:3)

Summary: Remain faithful to Christ, by remembering the reasons you first believed.

Abide (remain in Him now, rely on Him for all things, rest in His promises) in Him because of:

1. Christ's Imminent Coming (vv. 28,29)

- We remain faithful because He's coming back. So the "when" in "so that when He appears" has what meaning (Luke 12:49)? How could this impact our sharing of the Gospel? What are the two responses to His appearing in vs 28? Expound on these two responses (Matthew 7:21-23; Philippians 2:10,11, etc.)
- How will Jesus respond to us on that day? How do we practice righteousness? What are the signs of our being born of Him? Is it profitable to examine ourselves? What should we avoid and what should we emphasize in examining ourselves?

2. God's Immeasurable Love (v. 3:1)

- Consider the Love that made us who we are! Give descriptions of this love.
- His love **was given**. Why did He give us this love (Ephesians. 1:4-5)? His love was given **to us**. Why me, why you? (Romans 5:8). His love **makes us adopted children of God**. How much then does God love us (John 17:23)?
- Why do we need to remember God's love in our daily lives in this world (vs 3:1b)?

3. Third Point (verses)

- As a child of God, the best is yet to come. What happens to the believer when Jesus returns according to verse 2? What is Jesus like now (Revelation 1:12-16)? What do we know about this change that happens? See 1 Corinthians 15:51-54; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. Seeing Jesus on that day (v. 2) seems to be the reason we are changed. How is that applicable to our sanctification here and now?
- What produces purity? Why is there a connection between future hope in Christ and present purity?