

Being Ready & Having Confidence at the Return of Jesus

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The Apostle John's prescription for believers to have true relationship with Jesus & knowing it in Spirit & truth. This study is from 1 John 1:1 - 3:3.

1 John 2:28-29 – The Apostle John wrote, “And now, little children, abide in Him [Jesus], that when He appears, we may have confidence & not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.”

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

1 John 1:1-4 – A summary of the Apostle's credentials & his desire for us to know God & have fellowship with the Father & Jesus & John, so that our joy may be full.

The Apostle's marks of true fellowship with Jesus so we will be ready at His return.

1 John 1:5 – John heard directly from Jesus & declares: “God is light & in Him no darkness.”

1 John 1:6 – “If we say we have fellowship with Him [Jesus], & walk in darkness, we lie & don't practice the truth.”

1 John 1:7-10 – [7] “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin”....”If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just to forgive us *our* sins & to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 2;1-6 – The Apostle's test of really knowing Jesus. [1-2] John wants us not to sin but if we do the blood of Jesus cleanses us [& the whole world who repents] of our sins”...

[5-6] “But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected [completed] in him. By this we know that we are in Him [Jesus]. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

1 John 2:9-11- God's love being perfected [completed] in us means we love our brothers & sisters & walk in the light just like Jesus did. This is true love & false love is to say we love God while hating our brothers or sisters.

1 John 2:15-17 – “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; **but he who does the will of God abides forever.**”

1 John 2:18-19 – Watch out for deceptions & false believers who turn from the truth.

“Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.”...

1 John 2:20 – “But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.”

1 John 2:21 – “**I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.**”

1 John 2:21-23 – “Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.”

1 John 2:24-27 – Abiding in the truth & trusting the anointing from Holy Spirit to abide.

1 John 2:28-29 - “And now, little children, abide in Him [Jesus], that when He appears, we may have confidence & not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.”

1 John 3:1-3 – “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, 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.”