

THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

CHAPTER 2:28-29

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Walking the Talk”

THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

1 John 1:3

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

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I John 2:28-29

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. ²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

**Possessing Spiritual Confidence or Assurance
is essential to Christian growth**

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter **the kingdom of heaven**, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

The Announcement

Matthew 16:24-28

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. ²⁸ "Assuredly, **I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom....."**

The Fulfillment

Matthew 17:1-3

....Now after six days Jesus took **Peter, James, and John** his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to **them**, talking with **Him**.

Peter, James & John
were privy to many special-ed classes by Jesus

“Seeing the Kingdom Come”
was obviously a huge boost to their spiritual growth
In True Documentary Form
Peter Tells Us More...

2 Peter 1:16-18

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the **power** and **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses of His majesty**. ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory - - **when** such a voice came to Him from **the Excellent Glory**: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven **when** we were with Him on the holy mountain.

“Walking the Talk”

1.) Christians Are to Have Assurance

vv. 28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

2 Timothy 3:14a

But you must continue in the things which you have learned
and have been assured of

Paul Encouraged the Church at Colosse & Laodicea

Colossians 2:2

that your hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to **all riches** of the **full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God**, both of the Father and of Christ,

Christians are to Have Assurance!

1a.) Because We Have Been Born Again

Verse 28

And now, **little children**,
“little children”



Children GRK teknea

children of the family

(My little born ones or (born again ones) - Irrespective of Maturity

Romans 2:11

For there is **no partiality** with God.

Matthew 8:11

"And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

Christians are to Have Assurance!

1b.) Because We Live With the Lord

Verse 28

abide in Him



Abide

GRK 3306 meno (men'-o);

to take up residence (under hostile conditions)

we are aliens in this world

Our "Abiding in Him"

Generates a "prophetic desire" for His return

It's Only Supernaturally
Natural!

In Him

John 17:23-26

"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Christians are to Have Assurance!

1c.) Because We Hate the Lie (*false doctrine*)

Verse 28

Believing False Doctrine

will rob you of your assurance and faith

I 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.

2.) Assurance Results in Growth

vv. 28b

that **when** He appears
we may have **confidence** and not be **ashamed**
before Him at His coming

2a.) We're Assured of His Return

Verse 28

that **when** He appears

“When”

It's Not An “If” Statement
or one that needs qualifying

The Christian is to Live as Though Jesus Were
Coming Today

I Have Found That

CARNEL CHRISTIANS COMPLAIN ABOUT JESUS' SOON COMING

Luke 12:43-46

Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. ⁴⁵ But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, ⁴⁶ the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

Are You Ready?

Just Stay Ready,
to keep from having to get Ready

Genesis 5:22-24

After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. ²³ So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

2 Peter 1:19

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

1 John 3:2-3

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. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Assurance Results in Growth

2b.) We're Assured of His Righteousness

Verse 28

we may have **confidence**



Confidence

GRK 3954 parrhesia (par-rhay-see'-ah);

out-spokenness, frankness, assurance, boldness,
a clean face, nothing to hide

2 Corinthians 5:17-19a

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, **not imputing** their trespasses to them,

We are Going to Stand

in absolute joy / in complete acceptance / in total pleasure with God

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

That JOY shall be Our JOY!!!

But Jack, What About My Struggles, My Sinful Failures?

The Longer We're In Christ, The Sooner We'll Sin-Less

Ephesians 4:13

till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

2c.) We're Assured of His Acceptance

Verse 28

and not be **ashamed** before Him at His coming
If We Continue On in Solid Doctrine (Teaching)
we will have no fear of being ashamed



Ashamed

GRK

sheepish, afraid, cowering (to be flinching
at every turn)

If we Have a Low Regard Christ *(as every cult does)*

- We will have a low regard for **holiness**
 - We will have a low regard for **sin**
 - We will have a low regard for **doctrine**
 - We will have a low regard for **fellowship**
- We will have a low regard for **His soon return**
 - We will have a low regard for **truth**

3.) Assurance Belongs to The Believer	vv. 29
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If you **know** that He is **righteous**, you **know** that everyone who
practices **righteousness** is born of Him.

3a.) We're Assured of Who He is

Verse 29

If you **know** that He is **righteous**
“know”(To know by divine perception)

He is Holy

Exodus 33:17-23

So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." ¹⁹ Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." ²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." ²¹ And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. ²² "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. ²³ "Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Hebrews 12:29

For our God is a consuming fire.

John 6:46

No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God;
only he has seen the Father.

3b.) We're Assured of Who we Are

Verse 29

you **know** that everyone who practices
righteousness is born of Him
"know" (To know by practical experience)

Unfortunately

Most of Us Only Know Each Other Here at Church

The Fact is

Who or What we are Before and After Church is the Truth

Your husband or your wife or your children,

Your dog or your cat
They're really the ones who know
Who you are...

A Man's Life Speaks Much Louder
then the words he says

The Christian

is more righteous tonight than Adam ever was in the light
(He had a creature righteousness)
Based Upon Adam's Performance...

...But The Christian

is as holy tonight as Jesus Christ is in eternity
(A positional righteousness)
Based Upon God's Power

We Are Alive in Christ
as Jesus is Risen

3c.) Honestly, Do You Have Assurance?

Let's Get Down to Business Tonight

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

John 6:64-69

"But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." ⁶⁶ From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. ⁶⁷ Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" ⁶⁸ But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

If You Are Born Again,
Being Born into His Family Means Full Well
That He is Going to See You Through to Adulthood

Psalm 138:8

for The LORD will perfect, complete, bring to a full completion,
that which concerns me;

A Time For Prayer...