

Studies in the Book of 1 John
“WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR”
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Lesson 7

Text: I John 2:28-3:3 Christ’s coming should produce confidence/commitment.

I. Confidence at Christ’s Appearing

A. Continuing in Christ vs.28

1. “little children” : John is speaking to believers
2. “abide in him”: John is admonishing his brothers and sisters in Christ to remain in fellowship with Christ..
3. John’s motivation was for his brethren not to be ashamed.
 - a. Those who have been faithfully serving him will be able to stand with confidence before Him at His return. Paul – **II Timothy 4:8**
 - b. The believer who has been living for himself or the world will be ashamed when Christ returns; example: Demas - **II Timothy 4:10**
 - c. Application: When the rapture occurs, all believers will be taken to the Judgment Seat of Christ. (**II Cor. 5:10; Romans 14:10,12**)
Based upon how you are presently living your life, will you stand in confidence before the Lord or will you be ashamed?

B. Continuing in Christ Likeness vs.29 **If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.**

1. “**he is righteous**”; John speaks of the holiness of God.
2. “**every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.**”; Scripture teaches that **only a child of God** can live a righteous life. While both a saved man and a lost man have an old nature and can both sin, which reveals they both were born of the Devil (flesh), only a saved man:

- **is born of God**
- **has Eternal Life**
- **is indwelt by the Holy Spirit**
- **can live a righteous life**
- **can have fellowship with God**
- **can Divinely love his neighbor**

No unsaved man can live a righteous life. While the practice of righteousness in one’s life bears out one has obtain the new nature through the new birth; the presence of sin bears out one stills has the old sinful nature obtain through one’s physical birth. Since a believer has both natures, only he can live a life that is pleasing to God, but also is capable of living a life that is not pleasing *to the Lord.as John stated* “**ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.**” See James 2:14

II. Commitment Because of Christ’s Appearing 3:1-3

- A. What God Has Done vs.1 (Made us His Sons)
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