

Abiding and Assurance

Scripture: 1 John 2:28–29

Series: **Doctrine and Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

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Overview

We can have confidence before God because of our abiding in Christ.

Corroborating Texts

Colossians 3:4; Hebrews 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Discussion Questions

1. As a refresher, what does it mean to abide in Jesus? Abiding is crucial because God wants all of us at all times—what parts of your life do you tend to withhold?
2. Do you think and/or talk about the second coming of Christ often? If not, why? What tends to occupy your heart and mind instead? How would our lives look different if we placed proper importance on the second coming?
3. Where does our ultimate confidence come from at Christ's return? Why is it not works-righteousness to say that we need to abide if we want to have confidence at Christ's return?
4. The two reasons that people will feel shame at Christ's return are either (a.) they think they're good enough or (b.) they are fulfilling the desires of the flesh. Which of these do you tend to fall into? How does abiding in Christ help us fight against both of those?
5. What's the connection between Christ's imputed righteousness and our ongoing, progressive righteousness? What areas of your life is God growing you in right now?