

POINT: To STAY in the Son SHOWS We Belong to God's Family

How did God speak to you through Sunday's message?

1. Read 1 John 2:28-3:10.

What statements or verses encouraged you most and why?

Conversely, which raised questions?

2. In 1 John 2:28, John wants us to have confidence in the presence of Christ when we stand before him. Discuss ways we find this assurance amplified in 3:1-3?

In v3, John says this hope in him causes us to purify ourselves, just as he is pure. In your experience, is this hope (or hopefulness) a present and vital part of Christian experience? Why or why not?

In practice, how should we deploy this hope and its power to transform our thought life and purify our conduct?

3. How would we instruct a new believer to stay (abide or remain) in Christ (v28)? Read John 15:4-11 for the source of John's use of stay (Greek: menō) in the teaching of Jesus.

4. Across this passage (2:28-3:10), discuss why doing or practicing sin is so serious? Read the following passages and discuss them:

Read 3:2-3

Read 3:5 and 8

5. Discuss the significance of v9 and the meaning of the words, because his seed remains (menō: stays, abides) in him. The seed is God's Spirit (see John 3:5-8; 1 John 3:24 and 2:20, 27).