

ARE WE THERE YET?

1 John 2:28–3:3

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 2:28–3:3; John 15:5–11; Romans 14:10–12; 2 Corinthians 5:9–11;

James 4:8–10; Philippians 3:20–21; Titus 2:12–13

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does “abiding” look like in your everyday life right now (2:28)? When you think about Christ’s return, do you tend to feel confidence or hesitation? What might be shaping that response? How can you live in a way that cultivates confidence when Christ returns?
2. How are you growing in practical righteousness (2:29)? How does remembering your identity as God’s child shape the way you think about obedience? Would there be enough evidence to “convict” you of being a Christian in your workplace, school, or neighborhood? If so, what words or actions might others point to? If not, what changes might God be inviting you to make?
3. In what ways are you awed by God’s great love (3:1a)? How does that sense of wonder show up in your daily life? If a fellow believer asked, “How can I cultivate a deeper love for God?” how would you respond? What principles from your own experience could you share?
4. Where do you feel tension between living as God’s child and seeking the world’s approval (3:1b)? How have you responded when you were misunderstood or rejected because of your faith? Read Jesus’ words in John 15:18–22. What encourages you most about the future promise of being like Christ (3:2)? How can this truth help you comfort or encourage other believers?
5. How is your hope anchored in Christ’s coming (3:3)? What does it look like for you to have your hope “fixed on Him” rather than on circumstances, success, or comfort? What is one habit, choice, or practice that helps you pursue purity as you follow Christ? How does remembering who you are and who you will be in Christ encourage you to keep growing, even when progress feels slow?

RECOMMENDED READING

Donald Whitney, *Simplify Your Spiritual Life: Spiritual Disciplines for the Overwhelmed* (NavPress, 2003)

Mark Hitchcock, *Heavenly Rewards: Living with Eternity in Sight* (Harvest Prophecy, 2019)

R. C. Sproul, *The Love of God* (Word, 2001)

Sam Storms, *The Steadfast Love of the Lord: Experiencing the Life-Changing Power of God’s Unchanging Affection* (Crossway, 2025)