

1 John 2

28 And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

1 John 3

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that

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when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. **3** And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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Hope = joyful (confident) anticipation

1 John 1:4 I am writing to you little children, that your joy may be complete.

1 John 2:28 - 3:3

- 1. The Fruit of Hope
- 2. The Foundation of Our Hope
- 3. Our Future Hope

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him...

To abide is to stay close to Jesus

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Hebrews 9:27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

1 John 2:29 If you know that he is righteous...

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just (*righteous*) to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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"Holiness (righteousness) is not something we are called upon to do in order that we may become something; it is something we are to do because of what we already are."

- Martyn Loyd-Jones

Three characteristics of the fruit of hope:

- 1 Abiding with Jesus
- 2 Confidence in our Acceptance from Jesus
- 3 Practicing the Righteousness of Jesus

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John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

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Philippians 1:6 He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus.

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3. Our Future of Hope

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Revelation 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

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