



"I have found there are three stages to every great work of God first it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done."

- Hudson Taylor

1 John 2:28-29 Walk WITH

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.

Confidence in Christ



- What is Hope? CONFIDENT EXPECTATION
- Audience Dealing with...
 - False teachers
 - Assurance of Salvation
 - Understanding Who Christ was
- Romans 15:13 "God of Hope... So Hope Abounds"



"The opposite of discipleship is to be ashamed of Christ and his cross and all the offense which the cross brings."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

1 John 3:1-6



¹See 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 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.

⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.



⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

Connection in Christ



Building on the HOPE -

- •Defining our life on Him!
- NOT fitting God into our life

Spend so much "time" seeking fruitless things...

We should be DIFFERENT - But we are the "same" as we were, with an appointment Sunday mornings

Ecclesiastes- "Hevel" - Vapor or Breath



"A true Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us!"

- C.S. Lewis

1 John 3:7-10



- ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.
 - ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:7-10

Walk WITH Me

- ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.
- ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Care from Christ



ABIDE - 3 times in these 12 verses

- John 15:1-6

- Abide does NOT mean to
 - LABEL, CALL, or simply ASSOCIATE with Him...
 - IT MEANS TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE!!!

- Grafted onto IM
 - Bearing HIS Fruit



"We have taken the command of Christ to go, baptize, and teach all nations, and mutated it into a comfortable call to come, be baptized, and sit in one location."

- David Platt



"When you feel like you can't take it anymore, look to Jesus and take it a little more."

- John Piper



Are you **SEEKING** Him?
Are you **LISTENING** to Him?
Are you **FOLLOWING** Him?
Are you **SHARING** Him?

ABIDE IN HIM!