

YOUTH

THE PURIFYING HOPE OF
THE LORD'S RETURN

➤ **1 JN 2:28-3:3**

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CONCLUSION

➤ **UNDERSTAND**

Growing in your relationship with the Lord through reading, praying, and obeying will strengthen your confidence in seeing Him when He appears!

➤ **ABIDE**

Be intentional in your efforts to abide in Christ. **Scheduling** time to read, meditate, and pray God's word doesn't take away from its power.

➤ **PURIFY**

Recognize where your life is not reflecting God's standard of righteousness and seek to grow in purity. The longer you wait, the more time to purify!