



The Best Words You Will Hear All Day
1 John 2:28-3:3

We abide in Jesus by practicing AWAREness of Him.

²⁸ And now little children, abide in him...

Text Message:

- Underline the last phrase, which are the best words we will hear all day!
- The idea here is one of continual abiding in Jesus.
- This understanding is reflected in the church calendar, which recognizes both holy days and “ordinary time.”
- Jesus is always with us, and we can practice awareness of this truth!
- This doesn’t have to be complicated and time consuming but through simple AWAREness of His presence:

Acknowledge: *Jesus, thank You for being with me here...*

Worship: *Jesus, I adore You...*

Ask: *Jesus, please help me _____.*

Return: *Jesus, I return to You, renew me in abiding in You...*

Experience: Simply experience Jesus’ presence at this time.

- But we have this treasure in jars of clay.... 2 Corinthians 4:7a

We abide in Jesus by remembering His blessings.

Verses 2:28-3:3:

Text Message:

- There are three blessings of abiding in Jesus mentioned here:

Confidence:

^{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.

Identity:

^{3:1a} See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Hope:

^{3:2} Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

- "In eternity, Christians will be morally without sin, intellectually without falsehood or error, physically without weakness or imperfections, and filled continually with the Holy Spirit.”
 ESV Study Bible note for 1 John 3:2

We abide in Jesus by practicing righteousness.

Verse 29:

Text Message:

- John writes this in the first century to distinguish between Christ-followers and those following proto-Gnostic teaching.
- Remember, the proto-Gnostic false teachers emphasized a secret knowledge regarding supposed deep sayings of Jesus.
- In contrast, John emphasizes following Jesus in Christlike behavior.
- Christlike behavior is the fruit of abiding in Jesus, not by trying harder to live as we should.
- **The Walk of Faith and Abiding in Jesus:**
FEELINGS FAITH FACTS
- IF I look to the facts (truth) of who I am in Christ, I will walk by faith and bear fruit.
- IF, instead, I look behind to my feelings, I will certainly fall!