

CG - Gathering

Sermon Series: The Letters of John

Sermon Title: Christ Has and Will Appear — 1 John 2:28-3:10



Call to Worship (Read Psalm 25:4-5)

'Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. '

Pray

"Father, as we gather around your word this evening, keep us abiding in Christ, walking in the light, and steadfast in our faith through the power and work of your Holy Spirit. Amen. "

Questions for Discussion: (Read: 1 John 2:28-3:10)

1. Did you find anything encouraging or challenging from the text or from the sermon this week?
2. As you read 1 John 2:28-3:10, what words, phrases, or repeated themes stand out to you, and what do they reveal about the identity and lifestyle of God's children?
3. What does John mean when he says believers are "born of God," and how does that truth shape the way he talks about righteousness and sin in this passage?
4. John calls believers to "abide in Him" as they await Christ's return. What practices or habits help you remain conscious of Christ's presence and promises throughout the week?
5. Where do you see the temptation to make peace with sin in your own life, and how does remembering your identity as a child of God help you fight that temptation?
6. What encouragement does it give you to know that, when Christ appears, God's children will be made like Him, and how might that promise shape the way you face struggles, suffering, or spiritual growth today?

Gospel community Challenge: This week, spend five minutes each day praying through 1 John 3:1-3. Ask God to help you live as His beloved child, to expose any area where you have made peace with sin, and to increase your hope in Christ's return. At next week's gathering, be prepared to share one way God used this passage to deepen your love for Christ or strengthen your fight against sin.