

Parental Guidance Required – 1 John

Part #5 – 1 John 2:28 – 3:10

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1. Showing Our Progress in the Faith

[1 John 2:28-29]

“*meno*” [GK.] 'Remain' / 'Continue'

“*shabbat*” [HEB.] 'Stop' / 'Sabbath'

meno + *shabbat* = **We stop in order to continue!**

“*parousia*” [GK.] 'Coming'

Confidence vs. Shame

Righteousness vs. Relativism

2. Knowing Our Position as Children of God [1 John 3:1-3]

The entire human family has this in common: We were all created by God. However, not all of us are 'children of God'.

Adoption [in a spiritual sense] requires the child's agreement.

Our present reality as 'children of God' is amazing, and our future reality will be 'awe-inspiring' but remains somewhat of a 'mystery.'

3. Growing Our Passion for Christ and His Ways. [1 John 3:4-10]

The Purpose of his coming

Jesus came to take away our sins. (1 John 3:5)

The false teachers appear to have taken a 'light-view' of sin and John makes efforts to under-score the serious nature of transgressing God's ways.

Jesus came to destroy the devil's work. (1 John 3:8 / 1 John 2:13-14)

The Perfection of Christ

“And in him is no sin.” (1 John 3:6)

The Purity of his People

“No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him ... No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.” (1 John 3:6, 9)

The believer is no longer characterized by sinning, because he is 'in Christ' and 'the perfect Spirit of Jesus is in him.'

The believer has two natures – his 'new' nature which is occupied by the perfect Spirit of Jesus and the 'old' nature that needs to be constantly starved. (Romans 7:20 / 1 John 1:8)

The Priorities of the Children of God

“This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.” (1 John 3:10)

A child of God is characterized by exercising their will and being obedient to their Father's will.

Adoption into God's family connects us with siblings with shared spiritual DNA. Loving our brothers and sisters in Christ is the most natural thing for a child of God to do.

My Commitment Today ...

Q - In what ways am I allowing my sinful nature to misrepresent who I really am as a child of God?