

The First Epistle of John

(Week 25 – 1John 2:28-29)

I. Are you waiting for His return?

A. Review (1John 2:27)

1. The anointing from the Holy One teaches us by way of:

- i. The apostles (Eph. 3:2-5; 4:8-16)
 - Their words are written in the Bible
- ii. The prophets (Eph. 3:2-5; 4:8-16)
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- iii. The pastors, evangelists, & teachers (Eph. 4:8-16)
 - They simply repeat what the apostles and prophets have said in Holy Scripture.

B. Continuation

1. The Olympics:

a. Athletes spend years to prepare for this big event!

- i. Nobody tries a sport a few times then qualifies for the Olympics!
- ii. Years of training are absolutely essential!
- iii. But when the big day comes:
 - Some will athletes fail miserably or get disqualified!
 - That is always sad to watch!

2. A much bigger even than the Olympics is coming!

a. And you and I will be enrolled as participants!

b. That day is called the Second Coming of Christ (Judgment Day)

- i. It will be the most wondrous event to ever shake the entire planet!
- ii. **Question: What will take place during this event?**
 - All the dead shall rise – both the wicked and righteous (John 5:28-29)
 - You will see Adam, Noah, Moses, John, Paul, along with everyone who has ever lived rise from their graves
 - If you have the words, sing ‘Hallelujah, We Shall Rise’
 - There will be a judgment (John 5:29)
 - 1Corinthians 4:5
 - a. What was hidden in the dark will be exposed!
 - b. The motives of men’s hearts will be exposed!
 - The universe will vanish with a big noise (2Peter 3:10)!
 - The earth will be burned up (2Peter 3:10!)
 - All the rivers, the mountains, the houses, and everyone’s possessions will be GONE in a flash!
 - God will bring the true & faithful disciples to Himself (1Thess. 4:16-17)
 - But He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel with everlasting punishment (2Thess. 1:7-9)
 - The faithful will rejoice; but the faithless will weep!

c. Are you ready for the Big Event? Let's read...

3. 1John 2:28-29, *“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.”*

a. 1John 2:28a, *“And now, little children, abide in him...”*

i. **Question: From what we learned, how does one abide in Him?**

- By walking as Jesus walked (1John 2:6)
- By loving one another (1John 2:8-10)
- By holding to the things you heard from the beginning (1John 2:24)
 - Which includes:
 - a. Jesus being the Christ (1John 2:22)
 - b. Jesus coming in the flesh (1John 4:2)
 - c. Jesus being the propitiation for our sins (1John 2:2)
- By hating the things of the world – crave God; not the things of this world! (1John 2:15-17)
 - Just as children depend on their parents, we must depend on God:
 - a. Read His Word daily!
 - b. Speak to Him daily!
 - c. Trust in His protection, power and guidance!

b. 1John 2:28b, *“...so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”*

i. Abiding in Him also implies righteous living

- Shame only comes to those who live a life contrary to the ways of Christ!
- Notice what the next passage says...

c. 1John 2:29, *“If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.”*

i. Do we practice righteousness in order to become born of Him? No!

ii. We practice righteousness because we have been born of Him!

- The perfect tense is used: “has been born of Him”
- The perfect tense describes an event that, completed in the past, has results existing in the present time.
- This perfect fits with 1John 3:7-10, where it speaks of those who are born of God do not continue in sin.
- We will discuss that in greater detail when we get to that passage!

End class singing, “There’s A Great Day Coming”