
Abide and Be Unashamed at His Coming!

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

Καὶ νῦν, τέκνια, μένετε ἐν αὐτῷ, ἵνα ἐὰν φανερωθῆ σχώμεν παρρησίαν καὶ μὴ αἰσχυνθῶμεν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ παρουσίᾳ αὐτοῦ.

1. The Timing (“and now”)

2. The Term of Endearment (“little children”)

The word translated “little children” is only found 8x, and all are in the writings of John (1x in John 13:33 – Jesus speaking “*little children, I shall be with you a little longer...*”; 7x in 1 John – 2:1,12,28[!]; 3:7[!],18; 4:4; 5:21[!])

3. The Task (“abide in Him”)

Out of the 118x it is used, John uses the term more than half of them (68x) in his writings (John 40x, 1 John 24x, 2 John 3x, Revelation 1x).

Other words in the NKJV used to translate “abide” – to stay, to dwell, to remain, to live, to be present, to wait, to continue, to endure, to stand

Definition: Living as defined, directed, and enabled by God.

Connected conduct.

“Keep living connected to God.” Getting the **what**, **where**, and **how** from God. Information (what to know), action (what to do) and ability (how to do it) from Jesus (John 15:4)

John 15:4-11 – ⁴ “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ “I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw [them] into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ “If you abide in Me, and **My words** abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. ⁹ “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in **My love**. ¹⁰ “If you keep **My commandments**, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and [that] your joy may be full.

a. CONVERSION – I have begun the connection

4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

b. CONTENT – I learn the truth of God

2:24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

c. CONDUCT – I live the truth of God

2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

3:6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

3:24 Now he who keeps His **commandments** abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

4. The Motivation for Abiding in Him (“when He appears”)

a. His Certain Return (1 John 3:2 “when He is revealed”)

b. Our Two Possible Responses to Jesus’ Return

i. We can be ashamed.

1 Cor 3:12-15 Now if anyone builds on this foundation [with] gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on [it] endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

2 Cor 5:9-10 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things [done] in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

ii. We can be bold

3:21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.