

LG | Leader

[1 John 2:28-3:3]

WARM-UP (5 mins)

Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- How was your week? Were you able to take time to reflect on God's goodness this week?
How so?
- When you reflect on the message Sunday, what most resonated with you?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Let's read our primary text. John pleads with us again to "abide in him." Abiding is not superficial; it is a close relationship. It is to "remain." What are the practical ways we abide in Christ as Christians?

- obedience to Christ's commands (God's word directs our daily decisions)
- follow Jesus' example (seeking to see others through the lens of Jesus)
- living free from habitual sin (a continual posture of repentance)
- awareness of the divine presence in your life (awareness that we are the temple of God)

2. How does abiding provide evidence of one's salvation?

It displays that one's worth is found in Jesus. It pleases them to obey their heavenly Father. Their hope and strength are not found in their moral uprightness, but it is found in their attachment to "The Vine." They have saving faith and draw life from Him, others who do not draw life from Him will wither and die (John 15:6).

Reference:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary (Crossway)
- gotquestions.org

3. What is John's warning to those who do not abide in Jesus?

Since abiding means that we have inherited salvation through faith in Christ, it also means that when Christ returns, we will not be ashamed and we will not shrink back. Those who do not abide (do not daily walk with Jesus), they will be fearful when Jesus returns in judgment.

4. John says in verse 1 that, "The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him." What do you believe John is speaking about here?

True Christians act very different than the world, causing a sharp contrast and at times friction. However, God desires for us to love those in the world that they may know the God of all creation through our image bearing and representation of Him on the earth.

5. John says in verse 2, "what will be has not yet appeared." What do you believe John is speaking about here?

John is speaking of our future glorification. Glorification is the Holy Spirit's final work in our personal salvation. It is at this moment (when Jesus appears/returns) we will finally realize the fullness of Jesus Christ. The experience of glorification will encompass our entire existence...the Holy Spirit will transform us into complete Christlikeness. What will be...will be, and we will be able to see Him as he is, in His fullness of deity.

6. What major themes appear in this passage? What emotions does this passage stir in you?

Themes: Assurance, Judgment, Holiness, Sanctification, Glorification

Emotions (examples): Hope, Fear/Respect, Desperation for the lost

PRAY (10 mins)

Use this time to pray specifically over what has been discussed.

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