

## NEXT SERMON 6....

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## FIRST VERSE 2:28:

**1John 2:28** Now, little children, abide in **Him** (THE HOLY SPIRIT), so that when He (JESUS) appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him (JESUS) in shame at His coming.

1. **Abiding in the Holy Spirit** from our study last week is the key to obedient living for Jesus and a *LACK OF SHAME BEFORE JESUS at the rapture!*
2. **Obedient living for Jesus by ABIDING in the Holy Spirit, is the key to “confidence” in our fellowship with God), but never the means of our salvation, which is forever by God’s GRACE, not of works less anyone should boast. Eph. 2:8-10**
3. **HOWEVER, the confidence of an active faith that John is talking about will be when we hear from Jesus, “Well done good and faithful servant”, AS OPPOSED TO being ashamed for the lack of AGAPE/love and the FELLOWSHIP we are supposed to have for others...**

REMEMBER: **AGAPE/LOVE** is the FIRST fruit of the Holy Spirit that come from abiding in the HOLY SPIRIT *that makes fellowship w/God/others possible!*

**The proof of John’s intent is found in his “other” use of the word “confidence” to come soon** in our text of 1 John...***Let me show you...***

**First John 4:13-17** By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup> We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this love/Agape is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in the world.

The CLOSER you are to God, the more FELLOWSHIP you have with our Triune GOD AND the more agape/love you exhibit in this world!

**THIS IS YOUR CONFIDENCE AT THE JUDGEMENT BEFORE CHRIST JESUS AT HIS RETURN and the judgement of ALL BELIEVERS!!!!**

**Don't forget, THERE ARE TWO JUDGEMENTS TO COME**

1. Unbelievers, **Great White Throne Rev. 20** (Rom 8:1=No Condemnation)
2. Believers, **Bema Seat Judgment 1 Cor. 3, 2 Cor. 5** for rewards
  - a. AT THE BEMA, You could loose rewards but...
  - b. You CAN'T loose your salvation!

## **VERSE 2:29:**

<sup>29</sup> If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

1. In Romans 3:10, Paul says "There is NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO NOT EVEN ONE!" SO HOW CAN YOU "PRACTICE" RIGHTEOUSNESS/goodness of God? **YOU CAN'T APART FROM GOD!....** Another proof of our fellowship with God is our ability to practice righteousness, which is impossible apart from Jesus AND THE NEW SPIRITUAL BIRTH AT SALVATION!
  - A. EVERY BELIEVER HAS "TWO" types of righteousness, Positional and Practical! "Positional" righteousness** is given because you are a Child of God **through the GRACE of God**...meaning you are declared *righteous* because, the righteousness of Jesus has been transferred to you when you are Born Again Spiritually of God!

**B. And EVERY BELIEVER has “practical” righteousness or goodness,**  
that is a FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT that shows up when you are  
ABIDING IN CHRIST AND HIS HOLY SPIRIT!

**2. LET’S NOW LOOK AT THE PHRASE, “BORN OF HIM”**

This is the FIRST of 10 uses of the phrase, found only in John, *“Born of Him or Born of God”*...which gives **GOD** ALL the credit for those who call themselves Christians as we prepare to talk about eternal security today.

This is an *“ontological”* OR change in relationship, (IE. *“Born of God”*) is a *Different “relationship”* between God and His creation that can ONLY HAPPEN BY GOD WITH *“NOTHING”* contributed by ANY human being!!!!!!

*1John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

3. The word “believes” is one of John’s favorite words in the Gospel that bears his name and describes the moment of saving faith to eternal life (He uses this word 99 times compared to 0 uses of the word “repentance or repents”).)

**4. “Righteousness” cannot be of ourselves as we have none!**

*Rom. 3:10 as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one!”*

5. If we are saved to eternal life *by God’s grace through faith* in Christ alone...it begs the question, **where does “FAITH” come from?**

*EPH. 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

- Faith is a gift from God through his Grace
- If we have NOTHING to do with our salvation, we can have nothing to do with losing it, IF THAT WERE POSSIBLE!
- Every teacher I know who believes you can lose your salvation, believes if you come back in faith, you can get your salvation back, however the result is that position, makes FAITH A WORK OR GOD A LIAR!

- d. **QUESTION:** Who gets the glory for your salvation? IS YOUR SALVATION, 100% a work of God OR part God and part you? ☺
- e. *This is why salvation is presented as a carrot of obedience (by I believe) insecure human teachers and their desire to control the sheep...instead of* salvation being our “introduction” into FELLOWSHIP and DISCIPLESHIP, that God wants to experience with every one of His children! *Eph. 2:10, For since the foundation of the world, God has created good works, that you would walk in them...*”

### **VERSE 3:1:**

*See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*

1. **ONLY GOD** could make this call “*To become a Child of God*”....**ONLY GOD** could make this happen! ...To change us from His creation to His children is 100% God! *And once God makes this change IT IS PERMENANT!* It cannot be undone by disobedient children! *My children were disobedient on a regular basis* and why they always and consistently received my love in the form of discipline! ☺.....**BECAUSE I LOVED THEM!!!!**

*HEB. 12:8 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?*<sup>8</sup> But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.<sup>9</sup> Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?<sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, *but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.*<sup>11</sup> All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it *yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.*

## **LAST TWO VERSES 3:2-3**

**1 John 3:2-3** *Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

1. THIS TEXT RE-AFIRMS OUR RELATIONSHIP CHANGE BY GOD IN CHRIST, **“Children of God”** AND speaks to our “Future assurance” of glorification!
2. REMEMBER this point in John’s letter, as it marks the beginning of **“The already, but not yet future reality”** that all believers are to live by... .. **IN OTHER WORDS:** We are all STILL a work in progress that God will complete...This too is a PROMISE OF GOD’S WORD, **Phil. 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. God takes ownership of your future salvation!**
3. **WATCH THIS:** EVERYTIME a believer focuses on their future hope with Christ by faith, something *special* happens...They make an EXTRA EFFORT through the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT to clean up sin in their life and purify themselves!. **IN OTHER WORDS:** They live life as the person they are in Christ and NOT buying the lie from the enemy, that you....
  - a. Can’t change
  - b. Won’t change OR are...
  - c. Incapable of living out the righteousness of Christ

## **NOW LET’S END ON A HIGH NOTE AS PROMISED...**

### **WHY YOU CAN’T LOOSE YOUR SALVATION!**

**1 John 5:13** *These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

**Titus 1:2** *Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, <sup>2</sup> in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,*

**John 1:12-13** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**John 3:16** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

**John 3:18** “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

**John 3:36** “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

**John 5:24** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

**John 6:37** “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. <sup>38</sup> “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> “This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

**John 10:27-29** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup> “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

**John 11:25–26** Jesus said to her (Mary), “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

**Romans 8:15-16** For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God



**Romans 8:31–39** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?... Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies <sup>34</sup> who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Rom. 8:28-30** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew, He also **predestined** to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; <sup>30</sup> and these whom He **predestined**, He also called; and these whom He **called**, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

**Ephesians 1:13–14** In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Ephesians 2:8–9** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**POINT:** God's GRACE is the EVIDENCE of His Love... (And therefore needs to be the manifestation of our Love for each other)