



Our Marvelous Hope

Romans 8.24a - *For in this hope we were saved.* Salvation promises future benefits. Things that are so wonderful. So glorious. So magnificent that whatever sacrifice we have to make must be made now, *in this life.* John also spoke of our hope in 1 John 2.28-3.3.

These verse are tied together by references to Jesus' appearing, His coming, and our hope. Today' we'll examine five things we can learn about our marvelous hope.

I. 1 JOHN 2.28 - HOPE IS GUARANTEED BY ABIDING IN HIM

- A. 2.28 - Focus on *abide in Him.* It's a call to persevere and not defect.
- B. Four quick shots from Hebrews:
 - 1. Hebrews 3.6 NASU - *Christ was faithful as a Son over His house - whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end*
 - 2. Hebrews 3.12, 14 - *if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*
 - 3. Hebrews 4.11 - from the negative side...
- C. Now back to 2.28. See the imperative? See also 5.4. What gets us through? Faith!

II. 1 JOHN 2.29 - HOPE IS REALIZED BY PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. 2.29 - *Everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him.* If you are a child of God - you will manifest the life that is in you. See 1.6, 2.9.
- B. 2.29 - we have been *born of Him.* What's the result?
 - 1. 3.9a - *No one born of God makes a practice of sinning...*
 - 2. 4.7 - *...whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*

III. 1 JOHN 3.1a-c - HOPE IS ESTABLISHED IN LOVE

- A. 1 John 3.1a - *See what kind of love the Father has given to us...*
 - 1. *See...* A point of exclamation...
 - 2. *What kind of love...* NASU: *how great a love...* Something that human experience doesn't know. Describing something outside us; above us; or beyond us.
 - 3. *Given to us.*the most generous kind of giving. Lavished. See 4.9.
- B. 1 John 3.1b - *That we should be called children of God....* God brought us as close as we can get.
- C. 1 John 3.1c - *And so we are.* It is a present reality.

IV. 1 JOHN 3.2 - HOPE IS FULFILLED IN CHRIST'S LIKENESS

- A. 3.2a - *we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared.*
- B. 3.2b - *when he appears we shall be like him because we shall see him as he is.*
 - 1. Philippians 3.13-14 - this is *the goal!*
 - 2. Romans 8.28-30 - we're going to be conformed to the image of the Son.

V. 1 JOHN 3.3 - OUR HOPE IS CHARACTERIZED BY PURITY

- A. 3.3 - *and everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.*
- B. *This is God's ultimate purpose for your salvation!*
- C. On whom do we pin our hope? On *Him.* Not on a place. Not on an activity.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Living in this hope is absolutely life-changing. Have you allowed it to change yours?
- B. Romans 8.22-24a - Do you have this hope?