



## #3 Confident When He Returns 1 John 2:28-3:24 (ESV)

**1 John 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. <sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

### Jesus Is Coming Back To Earth Someday!

1. His First Coming was in **HUMBLENESS**.
  - a. Luke 2:4-7
2. His Next Coming will be in **GLORY AND POWER**.
  - a. Revelation 1:7
  - b. Revelation 19:11-15
3. His Secret Coming will be **WITHOUT WARNING AND IN A FLASH**.
  - a. Matthew 24:37-44
  - b. 1 Thessalonians 5:2
  - c. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

### What Does That Mean For Us?

1. We will be **LIKE HIM** when He returns.
  - a. 1 John 3:2-3
2. We will be **WITH HIM** when He returns.
  - a. Revelation 19:14
3. We will be **FOR HIM** when He returns.
  - a. Revelation 3:21

### What Should Our Response Be To His Return?

1. Christ's return should motivate us to **ABIDE IN HIM**.  
**1 John 2: 28** 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.
2. Christ's return should motivate us to **LIVE LIKE HIM**.  
**1 John 3:5-6** You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.
3. Christ's return should motivate us to **OBEY HIM**.  
**1 John 3:22-24** and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**IF YOU'RE HEADING TOWARD JESUS, YOU CAN BE  
CONFIDENTLY WAITING FOR HIS RETURN!**

**What's Your Direction?**

**Are You Living A Life That Is Heading Toward  
Jesus Or Away From Jesus?**