

Outline for 9/27:

3 incentives to abide in Christ...

I. Abiding prepares us for the **end** of this life. (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.

- A) when He appears –
- B) confidence / unashamed –

II. We abide in Jesus Christ, the **Righteous**. (29a)

If you know that he is righteous...

III. Abiding demonstrates we're born of **Him**. (29b)

...you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

- A) sure –
- B) practices righteousness –

Some Questions:

Read 1 John 2:26-29...

- 1) What are some things that deceive us (v.26)?
- 2) Come back to your definition of "Abide" from last time. What has come into clearer focus? How does abiding help us fend off deception (v.27)?
- 3) Why would abiding give us such confidence when Jesus returns or our life ends (v.28)?
- 4) What's the correlation between abiding and practicing righteousness (v.29)?

Towards Application:

- 1) Why are our hearts so easily deceived?
- 2) How do we get God's anointing (2:20 and 2:27)?
- 3) Why should we abide in Christ? What enlightens you today in this subject?

Prayer:

Update the things for which your small group is praying.

Spend some time as a small group asking God to give us help by His Holy Spirit.

Close in prayer asking God to satisfy our hearts as we abide in Him.