

1st John #44 “Confident and Unashamed” 1st John 2:28-29

John’s main emphasis is that we must grow up spiritually to personally love God and impersonally love all believers if we’re going to have any confidence at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

We must be spiritually mature to be unashamed at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

John demonstrates his love for the congregation by teaching them how to advance to spiritual maturity by adhering to Jesus’ command to experientially, continuously abide in fellowship with Him.

We must never forget that since the day we expressed faith alone in Christ alone, we’ve had an unlimited supply of God’s living-grace support and that in itself, makes life meaningful.

God the Father provided everything we could ever need spiritually: including biblical truth, the right pastor to communicate it and everything else necessary for momentum in His plan to make us truly happy, blessed and permanently satisfied with a meaningful life.

Today we are facing some of the greatest tragedies and disasters of all time, so unless there is a change in attitude toward God and His/Word, we’re going to lose our privileged-nation status and that will be the end of the USA as we’ve known it.

The degree to which we glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in the plan of God is the degree to which our lives are meaningful now and in eternity.

1st John 2:28 tells us that there will be for at least a short time in the resurrection bodies of believers, an acknowledgement of shame where some will be disgraced and that’s something not ordinarily associated with a resurrection body.

No matter how insignificant you believe your place in life is because of your birth, IQ, job or your opportunities, if you are a bel in Jesus Christ, God has an important purpose for your life.

And the proof of that is that you are being supported daily during a great historical degeneration, created by the liberal attitude of many about race, gender or economic status that denies the existence of free-will responsibility.

The command is to continuously abide in Him and that means to stay in experiential fellowship with Jesus Christ; the place of growth where God the Holy Spirit assists us.

Abiding in Jesus Christ is walking by means of the Holy Spirit, producing the fruit of the Spirit, which is the basis for our rewards.

What we produce by walking by means of the Holy Spirit gives us capacity to rule, reign and judge with the Lord Jesus Christ in His Millennial Kingdom.

If we fail to produce, there will be the temporary experience of shame with the lasting effects of that shame being loss of previously deposited rewards.

The most frustrating ashamedness comes not during history; it comes after the resurrection of the Church at that meeting in the air when all Church Age believers are evaluated for this life.

God is fair and He would not evaluate any of us unless He had given us the support to make such an evaluation meaningful, objective and fair.

You don't have to be a pastor or missionary to have great reward and blessing in eternity; all you have to do is live as a member of the royal family of God inside the plan of God.

What we do in this life after salvation inside the plan of God in the relatively short time we have on this earth is the determining factor of our status in Heaven.

The believer who understands the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union, understands the foundational function of the plan of God in life of Christ and he should also make application in his own life from it.

When used of God, righteousness refers to divine inherent integrity and when used of the believer, it refers to an integrity developed inside the plan of God.

Every believer in Jesus Christ has been in the plan of God once and if he's tasted the grace of God in the plan of God once, there's no excuse for ignorance at the Judgement Seat of Christ.

The plan of God for the Church Age is experiential abiding fellowship with Jesus Christ and since believers are born into the plan, they can only get out of the plan through their own free-will.

Hope means we have absolute confidence that at the moment we believe in Jesus Christ, we have as our permanent possession, eternal life.

Hope means we have absolute confidence that by consistent use of God's spiritual skills, we'll successfully execute the plan of God and receive great blessings for time and eternity.

And hope also means we have absolute confidence that at the Judgment Seat of Christ as mature believers, we will receive greater blessings for eternity where there are great distinctions between winner and loser believers because we have spiritual freedom with equal privilege and equal opportunity.