

First Church of God
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Sermon Outline

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“God Isn’t Finished With Me Yet”
I John 2:28 – 3:30

Chapter 2

²⁸And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

²⁹If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

Chapter 3

¹ How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall see him as he is. ³Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure..

Introduction

In spite of aspirations to be like Jesus, our failures remind us that God isn’t finished reshaping our raw materials.

Key – I’m not what I was, but I’m not what I’m going to be through Jesus.

I. I Rejoice In God’s Unbroken Fellowship.

vs. 28 “Stay in happy fellowship with the Lord.”

Key: The Christian can remain in **unbroken**, happy fellowship with the Lord.

John points out
Two Characteristics of our unbroken fellowship with God.

We can be

1. **confident** and
2. **Stand Unashamed** before Him”

“Abiding” in Christ means that a person possesses confidence, an unashamedness in life that prepares him for eternity.

I John 1:9 Amplified

If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises] and will forgive our sins (dismiss our lawlessness) and continuously cleanse us from all unrighteousness — everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought and action.

—When we come to God and **confess** our uncleanness, God **immediately** goes to work to clean us up!

—By continuing in God’s love and truth, we don’t need to be **fearful** in His presence.

Confidence means boldness, assurance.

Key: If we **abide** in Christ everyday, we can have unshakeable **confidence** and

assurance and even boldness when Jesus returns.

Ashamed means to shrink back
— to sense guilt and disgrace
— to feel embarrassment

Key: If we **do not** abide in Christ, we shall be **ashamed** when Jesus returns.
“The way to prepare to meet God is to live with Him now so that...to meet Him later will be nothing strange.” — Phillip Brooks

II. I Rejoice In God’s Extravagant Love.

I John 3:1

¹ How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

—Since God is Love, it means that He is bound to show us His love and act for us!
It means:

1. That God **cares** and looks after us.
2. That God will **help** us through **all** the trials and temptations of life.
3. That God will **save** us from the sin, evil, corruption and death of **“this”** world.
4. That God will **provide** a way for us to be delivered from His coming judgment against **sin**.

Why does He love us?

3:1 — “That we should be called children of God.

Key: It isn't a label, but a **finished** product — perfect and complete.

Galatians 3:26

“You are all sons [children] of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Key: God is **not** the “**father** of all mankind.”

He is the **creator** of all mankind.

“Jesus became what we are in order to make us what He is. —Athanasius

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III. I Rejoice In God's Continuing Work.

—God has **tough** love because we need it.

Vs. 2 “And what we will be has not yet been made known.”

Key: We know what we are now, the children of God, but we **do not** know what we shall be like when Christ returns.

—God is at **work** in our lives.

Key: We don't know everything about the future, but we do know ...

Three Facts—

First — **Jesus** will appear.

Second — **We** shall be like Him.

Third — **We** shall see Him as He is.

[God is still at work]

—“We **shall be** like Him.”

Key: God Isn't Finished With Us Yet.

CONCLUSION:

Jesus Believes In You...