

First John 2:28-29

- 1) What do they need to do?—2:28
 - a) Who is responsible to do this? ²⁸ *And now, little children* [τεκνίου],
 - i) Notice John's emotional appeal
 - b) What command are they to obey? *keep on residing* [pres. act. impv. μένω] *in Him* (Jesus), (cf. 2:27)
 - c) For what purpose should they obey? *in order that* [ἵνα] *when* [ὅταν] *He* (Jesus) *is revealed* [aor. pass. subj. φανερώω],
 - i) Positively: *we may have* [pres. act. subj. ἔχω] *confidence* [παρρησία]
(1) Freedom or boldness of speech because of a clear conscience
 - ii) Negatively: *and not be put to shame* [aor. pass. subj. αἰσχύνω] *before* [ἀπό] *Him* (Jesus) *at* [ἐν] *His* (Jesus) *arrival* [παρουσία].
(1) Shrinking away from Christ in guilty surprise
 - d) Different Greek words for Jesus's return:
 - i) *Phaneroo*—to become visible, to be revealed, to be brought into the open (Colossians 3:4; 1st Peter 5:4; 1st John 2:28; 3:2)
 - ii) *Parousia*—to become present, to have arrived (1st Corinthians 15:23; 2nd Thessalonians 2:1; 1st John 2:28)
 - iii) *Ho erchomenos*—the coming One (Matthew 11:3; 21:9; Hebrews 10:37)
 - iv) *Erchomai*—coming (Matthew 24:30)
 - v) *Katabaino*—to come down, descend (1st Thessalonians 4:16)
 - vi) *Heko*—to come (Matthew 24:50; Revelation 3:3)
 - vii) *Apokalupsis*—to uncover (1st Corinthians 1:7; 2nd Thessalonians 1:7; 1st Peter 1:7)
 - viii) *Epiphaino*—to bring to light, to be made visible, to appear (2nd Timothy 4:8; Titus 2:13)
 - ix) *Horao*—to see with the eyes (Hebrews 9:28)
- 2) What do they know?—2:29 *you^{pl} are knowing* [pres. act. ind. γινώσκω]...
 - a) The content? Your lifestyle demonstrates who your spiritual father is—*that* [ὅτι] *each one who is characterized by practicing* [pres. act. ptc. ποιέω] *the righteousness* [δικαιοσύνη] *has been born/fathered* [pf. pass. ind. γεννάω] *by* [ἐκ] *Him* (the Father).
 - i) Consistently righteous living is clear evidence that God has fathered you. We do righteousness because we have been fathered by a righteous Father.
 - ii) This is what it means to be residing in Christ, developed further in 2:29-3:24.
 - b) The condition? Knowing the true nature of God—²⁹ *If* [ἐάν, 3rd class] *you know* [pf. act. subj. εἶδω] *that* [ὅτι] *He* (the Father) *is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *righteous/just* [δίκαιος],
 - i) Like Father, like son; the child exhibits the father's character because he shares the father's nature