

Friends in Fellowship

koinonia – community, communion, joint participation

- Our fellowship is with the Father and with His son, Jesus Christ.
(1 John 1:3)
- We walk in the light... (1 John 1:7)
- children... fathers... young men
(1 John 2:12-14)

Growing

1 John 2:28 - 3:3



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²⁸ And now, dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming.

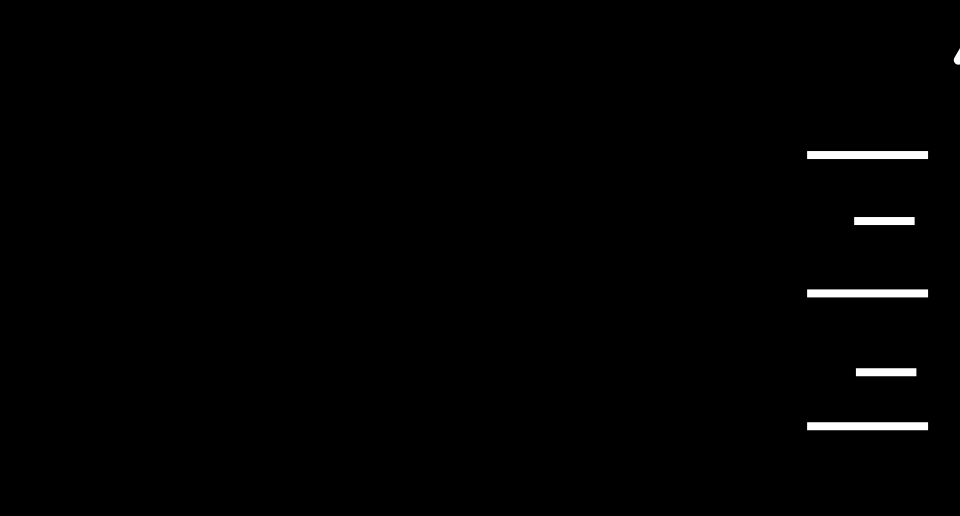
²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him.

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. ² Dear 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 be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

When He appears



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Confident and Unashamed

- How **great is the love** the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 3:1
- Your **sins** have been **forgiven** on account of His name 2:12
- You have **known the Father** 2:13

Confident and Unashamed

- **And now dear children, continue in Him, 2:28**
- **Abide**
 - Remember who you are! 3:1
- **Block**
 - Do not let anyone lead you astray 3:7
- **Crave not**
 - The cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world 2:16

Confident and Unashamed

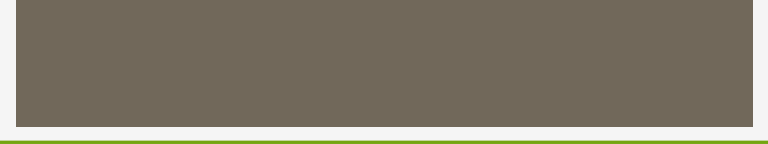
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- Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

Confident and Unashamed

one who purifies himself –

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
1 Peter 1:22

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
James 4:8



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Confident and Unashamed

- Will you take stock of your spiritual life?
- Are you growing? Are you ready to deal with the stumbling blocks?
- This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we **ask** anything **according to His will**, He hears us.
1 John 5:14