

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: Assurance: Launch Pad for Righteous Living

Title: "The Two Appearances of Jesus"

**INTRODUCTION:**

The word "appears" & "appeared" show up in our text four times. The 1<sup>st</sup> two occurrences speak of His second coming/appearing; the 2<sup>nd</sup> two occurrences speak of His first coming. Unholy conduct or ungodly living is unthinkable in the Christian who has grasped the purpose of the two appearances of Christ. The fact of His 1<sup>st</sup> coming and the hope of His 2<sup>nd</sup> are both strong incentives to personal holiness.

**WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR (2:28-3:3)**

In view of the certain appearing/coming of Jesus Christ, John gave three incentives that motivated him (and the same should motivate us) to Christ-like purity ... the pursuit of holiness.

1. He did not want to be \_\_\_\_\_ (2:28)
  - A. Christian reactions . . .
    - 1) Some will be \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Others will be \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. John's remedy: "remain; abide; continue" in Him
2. He appreciated his \_\_\_\_\_ as a child of God (2:29-3:2a)
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new birth (3:1-4, 6)  
Holy, godly living is a result of N. Birth (2:29; 3:4, 6; cp. John 3:1-8).
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new birth (3:1, 2)  
Because of new birth, we are "children of God" and at that moment placed as "sons of God" by adoption. John wants us to:
    - 1) Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love: "lavished"
    - 2) Observe the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love.
    - 3) Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ concerning God's love.
  - C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the new birth . . .
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2:29; 3:9, 18a)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ (4:7)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1)

3. He anticipated a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting with Jesus (3:2-3)

A. Note the \_\_\_\_\_ of becoming like Him (v. 2)

B. Note the \_\_\_\_\_ of becoming like Him (v. 3)

### WHAT CHRIST CAME TO DO (3:4-10)

Christ came to break the power of sin; thus sin is incompatible with abiding in Him. Those who act righteously are living in Christ, but those who are unrighteous are of the Devil. The presence of absence of righteous behavior is a clear distinction between the children of God and the children of the Devil.

*The practice of sin is prevented by . . .*

1. **UNDERSTANDING THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF SIN** (vs. 4)

A. Sin is not just \_\_\_\_\_ failure; it's not just a "missing of the mark" or a "deviation from what is right or just".

B. Sin is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ rebellion against God's known will; a violation of God's moral law.

*The practice of sin is prevented by . . .*

2. **UNDERSTANDING THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS** (vss. 5-8)

A. The Son appeared to \_\_\_\_\_ our sins (vs. 5)

In his gospel, John emphasized the means by which Jesus removed the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

In his first epistle, John emphasized the means by which Jesus removed the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

B. The Son appeared to \_\_\_\_\_ the devil's work (vs. 8)

*The practice of sin is prevented by . . .*

3. **UNDERSTANDING THE \_\_\_\_\_** (vs. 9)

A. He/she is given a new \_\_\_\_\_ before God.

B. He/she is given a new \_\_\_\_\_.

C. He/she is given a new \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Pet. 1:4)