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**TO LIVE LIFE IN LIGHT OF THE RETURN OF CHRIST**  
**1 John 2:28-3:3**

**What we are. 1 John 2:28; 3:1-3**

- **Children** of God. 1 John 3:1-2; 2:28; John 1:12; Matt. 5:9; Rom. 8:15-16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 6:16
- **Loved** by God. 1 John 3:1; Rom. 5:8; John 3:16; 1 John 4:10; Jer. 31:3; Ps. 89:1-52
- **Hope** in God. 1 John 3:3; Rom. 15:4; Titus 1:1-2; 1 Pet. 3:1, 15, 21; Rom. 15:3; 8:31-39; 1 Thess. 5:8-9

**What we shall be. 1 John 3:2**

- **Anticipation** of what is to come. 1 John 3:2; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:49-53; Col. 3:4; Rom. 8:19-23; Phil. 1:19-26; 1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Thess. 4:14
- **Reality** of what is to come. 1 John 3:2; Rom. 8:29; 2 Pet. 1:4; 2 Cor. 3:18; John 17:4

**What we should be. 1 John 2:28-29; 3:2-3**

- Living a life of **confidence**, not shame. 1 John 2:28; Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Heb. 4:16; 1 John 3:21; 4:17; 5:14; 1 Thess. 4:13-18
- Living a life of **obedience**, not disobedience. 1 John 2:28; 3:3; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10; Rom. 5:1-5; Matt. 5:8; Phil. 4:8

**Application.**

- Christ is going to **return** (hallelujah)!
- Will we be **ready** for His return?
- If He came **today**, would we be ashamed or celebrate?