

1 John Lesson 50 Outline

“Our Purifying Hope” 1 John 2:28-3:3

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Motives in Scripture that call us to holiness: fear and our hope.

True believers, says John, believe the right thing about _____ and their _____.

It’s all about what’s going on in your heart.

Five perspectives on purifying hope - The first perspective is that it is _____ by _____.

What John is saying is stay faithful to Christ, persevere, remain.

There is a connection here that is unbroken. You remain faithful to the truth and the _____ remains in you.

How do you remain in a relationship to God? How do you stay there? You stay there by staying committed to the truth.

Don’t ever believe for a moment that the matter of divine, sovereign salvation does not involve the will of the one being saved, because that’s not true.

No one who remains in Him has an ongoing, unbroken pattern of _____.

John knows that there are people who are going to identify with Christianity, with the church, but they’re not going to stay.

This is all about remaining, about abiding.

This is one of the great wonders of biblical truth that on the one hand, we are secure in the eternal promise and purpose and plan of God but not apart from our own faithfulness.

This is why biblical theology demands not only the doctrine of _____ but the doctrine of the _____ of the _____.

You could not be saved apart from believing.

The New Testament is full of commands for people to believe and be saved, and full of commands to believers to be obedient to the Word of God.

So, on the one hand, God can say I've given you eternal life and you will abide. On the other hand, He can tell us over and over again, be faithful, abide, don't forsake the truth, hold fast, because it is when we hear those calls and hear those commands and our heart cries out to obey, then energized by the Spirit of God working in us, those calls and those pleas and those commands become the means by which we remain.

Are you the "real thing?"

Continue to obey the Scripture. Continue to love the Lord and one another. And in that continuing, you will prove to be what-the "real thing".

**Other scriptures cited: 1 Cor. 4:5; John 15:5, 6-7, 16;
1 John 2:6, 10, 14, 17, 19, 24, 27, 28, 3:6, 9, 14, 15, 17, 24; Matt. 24:13; Col. 1:21-22;
1 John 2:24, 23, 26, 27, 24, 2:12**