

Intro:

XI. The Purifying Hope- vs 6

A. Hope

1. It's meaning - Faith in what God says is yet to happen
2. It's goal - eternal glory
3. Theology of Hope
 - a. based on
 - i. the unchanging nature of God who cannot lie - **Ps 43:5; Tit 1:1-2**
 - ii. God's promises
 - of care - **1 Pet 5:5**
 - protection - **Ps 121:8; Jd 24**
 - guidance - **Ps 23:3**
 - sustenance - **Phil 4:19**
 - iii. Linked to the finished work of Christ - **Col 1:23,27; 2 Th 2:16; Heb 6:19-20**
 - b. Hope is a gift of Grace - **2 Th 2:16-17**
 - c. Hope is revealed in scripture - **Ro 15:4; Ps 119:81**
 - d. Hope is reasonable and defensible - **Col 1:5**
 - e. Christ's resurrection secures our hope - **1 Pet 1:3,21**
 - f. Hope is confirmed and energized by the Holy Spirit - **Ro 15:13**
 - g. Hope defends believers against Satan's attacks - **1 Th 5:8**
 - h. Hope is confirmed, strengthened, + sharpened through trials - **Ro 8:31-39; 1 Pe 1:6-7**
 - i. Hope is the believer's source of Joy and Blessing - **Ps 146:5; Jo 6:39-40**
 - j. Hope removes the fear of Death - **1 Co 15:54-57**; though believers are aware of
 - their own sinfulness - **Ps 25:11; 38:3-4; 51:3-4; 69:5; Ro 7:17-24**
 - the severity of its consequences - **Gen 3:7-24; Ro 5:12; 1 Co 6:9-11; Ga 6:7-8**
 - k. All that Hope brings will be consummated when Christ returns - **1 Co 1:8; Col 3:4; 1 Th 3:13; 5:23; Heb 9:28**

B. Hope is secured by Abiding - vs 28

1. **nun** - "now":--henceforth, + hereafter, of late, soon, present, this (time).
 - a. introduces a new section
 - b. chapter and vs divisions are man made
2. little children - a term of pastoral care
3. abide in Him
 - a. **meno** - to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy):--abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for).
 - i. used 42 times in John, 12 in Jo 15 alone
 - ii. used 26 times in 1 & 2 John
 - b. no mystical elitist spiritual experience
 - c. the command is to persevere daily and sustain their faith in the gospel and in Christ - **1 Co 16:13; Gal 6:9; Phil 1:27; Col 1:10,22-23; 2 Ti 3:14; Heb 10:23; 2 Pe 3:18**
 - d. a contrast to the antichrists of vs 19, 23-25
 - e. in spite of **Jo 10:27-29**, believers are still called to persevere - **Phil 2:12-13; Jd 20-21**
4. that when He appears,
 - a. refers to the rapture of the church
 - b. we may have confidence - 1 Jo 4:17 - **parrhesia** - out-spokenness, frankness, bluntness, publicity; assurance:--bold (-ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence.
 - c. and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. - **Tit 2:11-13**
 - i. **aischuno** - to feel shame (for oneself):--be ashamed.
 - ii. either shame of being left behind or at the judgment seat

B. Hope is Manifested by Righteousness - vs 29

1. two words for “to know”
 - a. *eido* - has the sense of perceiving an absolute truth
 - b. *ginosko* - conveys to know by experience
2. If you know that He is righteous
 - a. if you perceive that God is righteous
 - b. *dikaosune* - equity (of character or act); (Christian) justification, righteousness.
3. you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.
 - a. then you understand that the claim requires the practice to back it up
 - b. His righteousness would be reflected in the believer’s life

C. Hope is Established by Love - vs 3:1

1. Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us,
 - a. notice the amazement that John voices
 - i. *eido* - behold or see
 - ii. Both a command and an exclamation
 - b. what manner of love
 - i. *potapos* - whatever, of what possible sort:--what (manner of).
 - ii. Only used 7 times in NT
 - iii. Implies a reaction of astonishment
 - iv. Expresses both qualitative and quantitative force
 - c. has bestowed on us
 - i. He has given based on His sovereign choice
 - ii. To all who savingly respond in faith to the Gospel
2. that we should be called children of God!
 - a. adopted as children
 - i. authority (power) to be called - Jo 1:12
 - ii. The Spirit given to guarantee the transaction of adoption - **Ro 8:16; 2Co 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13; 4:30**
 - b. Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
 - i. The truth about us “in Christ” is exhibited in our character and lives - **Mt 5:16; Phil 2:15; 1 Pe 2:12**
 - ii. It is hard for us to understand all that is ours “in Christ - Eph 3:18-19
 - iii. ”Those outside of the realm of “in Christ” only understand that there is something about us that they hate - **2 Co 2:15-16**

D. Hope is fulfilled by Christlikeness - vs 2

1. Beloved, now we are children of God;
 - a. a statement of fact
 - b. we are not waiting for an event in the future, it has already come to pass
2. and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be,
 - a. at this time, we still deal with the law of sin and Satan’s schemes
 - b. what we see in practice is not the end product -
3. but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
 - a. at the rapture - **1 Th 4:15-17; Col 3:4;**
 - b. the final transformation will happen - **Ro 8:29; 1Co 13:12; 15:50-54; Php 3:21**

E. Hope is Characterized by Purity - vs 3

1. And everyone who has this hope in Him
 - a. the Hope of all that Christ has offered to the believer
 - b. has practical implications - it produces a desire to be like Him
2. purifies himself,
 - a. the setting of the mind in obedience on things above - Mt 6:33; Col 3:1-4
 - b. sanctification is not self generated, but requires the believer’s submission and obedience - **Phil 3:12-14;**
3. just as He is pure. - **Mt 5:8; Phil 4:8; 1 Ti 1:5; 3:9; Heb 9:14; 1 Pe 1:22**
4. Those abiding in Christ will manifest the character of Christ - **Ro 5:1-5;**