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1 John 2:28-29

TRIBE-10

= a close-knit community with shared identity

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INTRODUCTION

A DARING TESTIMONY 2:28-29

- when you purchase a picture frame at the store, have you ever noticed the perfect people they use in that frame?

they don't use gap-toothed people or someone similar...they use 'perfect' people, right?

- so much of what John has taught us this far might make you feel as though you don't quite measure up to the biblical standard

this wasn't John's intention...but he does hold us to a high standard

after all, our God is perfect and holy

- this morning, we come to the end of the first section in the epistle of First John

and as we close this section, John challenges us to have a **DARING TESTIMONY**

not a mediocre testimony, or a testimony that is just-as-good as your fellow Christian

daring = audacious; venturesomely bold in action

beyond your comfort zone, for the glory of God

1. LOOKING FOR THE SAVIOR **verse 28**

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A REMINDER FOR ALL

John again goes back to the term he used in **verses 12, 18**

regardless of spiritual maturity, he does not want anyone to miss the admonition

...abide in him this carries the idea of remaining in fellowship with the Son of **verse 24**

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

...when he shall appear consider Jesus' warning about His return

Matthew 24:45-46

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

now, consider the next word John used

confidence = freedom in speaking

when Christ returns, will you feel free to speak to Him, or will you be ashamed???

when you find yourself in a hole, it is best...

1 John 5:14

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

1 Thessalonians 2:2

But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

contrast this with those who are guilty before God and do not have the freedom to speak

Romans 3:19

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Titus 1:10-11

For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

and don't miss this:

ashamed = disfigured

culturally, used of one who has scars

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

NOTE: in Genesis 24, Abraham (the father), sent his servant (Holy Spirit) out to find a bride for his son...
imagine how Rebekah must have anticipated the arrival to her new home...

what did Isaac look like?

what would he say?

how would they live together?

IN REGARDS TO ELDERS

And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, WE may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

notice in this verse how John changed pronouns from first person (you, ye) to third person

he is speaking as an elder or father-figure; one who is personally responsible for those to whom he writes

Hebrews 13:17

Obeys them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

your response to biblical authority is a direct indication of your response to the authority of Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit in your life

2 John 4

I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

3 John 4

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

2. LIVING LIKE THE SANCTIFIED verse 29

If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

A TRUTH WE CAN AGREE WITH

here, John is making a *rhetorical* statement

the answer to the **IF** question is obvious

we **KNOW** Jesus is righteous

Hebrews 7:26

For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

John 8:46

Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

convince = *Old English*, to convict

there isn't a person alive who can point to Jesus and convict Him of being *evil*, *mean*, or *malevolent*

history bears that out...

scripture bears that out...

A TEST WE CAN APPLY

John does not care for religion that only speaks

1 John 1:6, 8; 2:9 If we say...

we should be concerned with a relationship that motivates us to **DO**

notice the verb tense

doeth = *to practice; to repeat*

righteous = integrity; virtue; fairness

John says the best way to prove you are saved is not in the **telling**...it is in the **living**

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Ephesians 5:1

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

1 Peter 1:14-15

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

No matter in which direction a Christian looks, he finds reason to obey God. If he looks back, he sees Calvary, where Christ died for him. If he looks within, he sees the Holy Spirit who lives within and teaches him the truth. If he looks around, he sees his Christian brethren whom he loves; he also sees a world lost in sin, desperately needing his godly witness. And if he looks ahead, he sees the return of Christ! The return of Christ is a great inspiration for godly living.

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1 John 3:3

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.