

Text: 1 John 2:26-29

Title: "Obedient Confidence"

Theme: Obedient Christians have confidence in their relationship to Jesus Christ.

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26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

27 As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him. **28** Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. **29** If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

INTRO: Stay on the Alert! - (vs. 26)

- I. **Present Anointing - (vs. 27)**
- II. **Future Confidence - (vs. 28)**
- III. **Daily Righteousness - (vs. 29)**

Personal Application

1. Take some time this week to think, reflect, and praise God for the anointing of His Holy Spirit upon you, and ways that your life has been impacted because of it.

Small Group Discussion

1. Discuss who the Holy Spirit is, what He does for us Christians, and how God's anointing in your life has impacted you. (Provide examples.)
2. Read 1 John 2:20-21. Compare and contrast these two verses to 1 John 20:27. Discuss the similarities, the differences, and anything else that comes to mind.
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Discuss the Rapture (the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ) and what these verses say about it. Then, read 1 John 2:28 and discuss what it means to have confidence and not to shrink away from Jesus in shame.
4. Read 1 John 2:29. Discuss what it means that Jesus is righteous. Then, discuss what it means for us Christians to practice righteousness each and every day.