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IT'S REAL—6
It's REAL because it provides SECURITY
 1 John 2:28—3:3

Introduction. _____

I. FIRST, TO ABIDE IN CHRIST BRINGS SECURITY AS WE ANTICIPATE CHRIST'S COMING (1 John 2:28).

- A. First, note the petition for abiding in Him (2:28a).
- B. Secondly, notice the process for abiding in Him (2:6).
 - 1. Abiding in Him brings freedom from the power of sin and freedom from the love of sin (1 John 3:6).
 - 2. Abiding in Christ is the secret of power (John 15:7).
 - 3. Abiding in Christ means keeping of Christ's commandments (John 3:34).
 - 4. Abiding in Christ shows itself in fruit-bearing (1 John 4:12-16).
 - 5. Abiding in Christ displays itself in pure love (1 John 4:12-16).
 - 6. Abiding in Christ means walking in His footsteps (1 John 2:6).
 - 7. Abiding in Christ means that the believer continues in His Word and is faithful to His Word (1 John 2:24).
 - 8. Abiding in Christ is to be spiritually minded, dedicated soul, spirit and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
- C. Thirdly, consider the purpose for abiding in Him (2:28b).
 - 1. First, He will appear to us, and our rapture will be beyond description.
 - 2. Secondly, we all shall appear before Him at His Judgment Seat (2 Corinthians 5:10).

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II. SECONDLY, TO ADVANCE IN CHRIST SECURES AND CONFIRMS OUR SALVATION (1 John 2:29).

- A. First, there is the mark on the heart (Matthew 5:8).
- B. Secondly, there is mark on the ears (John 10'27).
- C. Thirdly, there is a mark on the tongue (2 Corinthians 13:3).
- D. Fourthly, there is a mark on the face (Acts 4:13).
- E. Fifthly, there is a mark on the hands (1 Corinthians 6:1).
- F. Sixthly, there is a mark on the feet (Romans 10:15b).
- G. Seventhly, there is a mark on the mind (2 Corinthians 10:5).

III. THIRDLY, TO _____ CHRIST'S COMING BRINGS SECURITY AND CONFIDENCE IN OUR LIFESTYLE (3:1-3).

- A. First, notice the _____ of the Father (3:1).
 - 1. First, John wants us to see the _____ of God's love (3:1a) "**Behold . . .**"
 - 2. Secondly, he wants us to observe the _____ of God's love (3:1b).
 - 3. Thirdly, he wants us to share the _____ of God's love (3:1c).
 - 4. Fourthly, he wants us to understand the _____ concerning God's love (3:1d).

3.

a. First, it is _____ toward the saints (3:1d).

b. Secondly, it is _____ by the world (3:1d).

A. Secondly, note the _____ of the Son (3:2).

B. Thirdly, consider the _____ of His children (3:3).

1. First, notice the _____ of this hope (3:2a).

2. Secondly, note the _____ of this hope (3:2b).

3. Thirdly, consider the _____ of this hope (3:2c).

CONCLUSION: Three principles to keep in mind:

1. We should _____ our lives.

2. Secondly, we should _____ on the future.

3. Thirdly, we should _____ Christ while there is still time.