



May 14th

Passage: 1 John 2:28-20

Happy Thursday! Hopefully you joined us for the RockSM LIVE last night! If not, after this Devo go check it out!

So... two verses this morning... and they are super helpful! We see encouragement and we see who real Christians are!

As we begin, pray that the Holy Spirit would make God's Word real and clear to you.

## **READ & DIG.** Read 1 John 2:28-29 (underline things that stick out to you!)

**Little Children** – two words that John uses all throughout his letters – “*little children*”  
Yeah yeah, I know what you're thinking... “I aint no little kid...” What John is saying is a term of endearment... this is him saying “children of God” or “my children in the faith” he is reminding the church he is writing to that they are not in their struggles alone! – They are the children of God! Remember the song, “*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.*” We are those children! – Remember, Jesus loves you, you are a child of God!

**Abiding in Christ = Confidence** – One of the greatest things about being a child of God, a follower of Jesus, abiding in him (*living and belonging to him*) is the confidence that it brings us! Now yes, but specifically when we meet him! Some find it rather scary to one day, *meet God*. But here John tells us, for the believer there is nothing to fear! The believer can be and should be confident when he or she comes face-to-face with Christ! We have been **remade**... brand new! We have nothing to fear, nothing to be ashamed of! Romans 10:11 says, “...everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” We will not be put to shame because we are children of God!

**Real and Righteous** - Those who abide in Christ, trusting in him, will not be put to shame because the righteousness they practice gives evidence to the righteousness in their hearts! John is helping us see that those who are righteous at heart (*those who have been forgiven and redeemed by Jesus*) live it out! Just like we talked about in James a few months ago – we are not “hearers only but also **doers!**” Our walk should match our talk! John's audience is pretty skeptical right now... those who they thought were true Christians actually weren't... John saying all this is twofold – when you are trying to figure out if someone is a Christian ask – *does their life show a fellowship of Christ?* He is also encouraging these followers to live their own righteousness out!

## **Apply & GO**

So – The righteousness we find through Christ gives us confidence and drives us to live it out!

- As those who abide in Christ, we can have great confidence in our place in him! **LIVE BOLDLY**
- The righteousness we live out will prove our faith in Christ! **LIVE FOR HIM**
- We are the children of God, the Father, your Father, who loves you dearly! **CLING TO HIM**