

SERIES: *Go In Love, Be A Light*
TITLE: *Stay Close*
SPEAKER: *Pastor Bryon Mengle*
PASSAGE: *1 John 2:28-3:8*
DATES: *February 26-27, 2022*



MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

- To those that have received Christ, we are children of God – we have an assured belonging in His family.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- READ 1 John 2:28-3:8
 - How secure do you feel as a child of God, and why?
 - **And now, dear children, remain in Him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at his coming. 1 John 2:28**
 - When referring to the return of Christ and our meeting Him face to face, Pastor Bryan said, “It is not whether or not, it is when.” Amid our busy lives, how often do you think about this?
 - **See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1**
 - Lavish is defined in Merriam-Webster as “bestow something in generous or extravagant quantities, or to bestow freely.” Does this sound a lot like grace? This affects the way we live and sometimes causes confusion or friction with those who do not believe. Why is this?
 - If we do not seem different or confusing to those who do not believe, are we truly “abiding” in Him?
 - **No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. 1 John 3:6a**
 - What is John saying here? Are we expected to be perfect and sinless? Bryon said it is more a lifestyle thing. How would you define that lifestyle?
 - Can one abide in Jesus and yet continue to live a sinful lifestyle?
 - As a child of God, are you abiding in Him? What does this look like for you?
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NEXT STEPS

- Please continue to pray for Ukraine.
- Consider one way to abide closer to Jesus.
- Consider is your way of life reflective of your relationship with Jesus? If not, what do you need to change?