

We Shall Be Like Him
1 John 2:28-3:3

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1. Are we there yet?
 2. The consistent theme of the NT is that Jesus is returning for His children.
 3. Jesus said in **Matthew 25:13**, **“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”**
 4. As we study 1 John we will examine three challenges to help us be ready for Christ’s return.
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- I. There Is A Persistent Desire To Be Like Him. 1 John 2:28 “So that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.”**
 - A. Those who desire to be like him have a perpetual relationship.
 1. **John 8:31**
 2. **Romans 11:33**
 - B. There is an ultimate reason for continuing in Christ.
 - C. Failing to abide in Jesus will cause us shame.

 - II. There Is A Present Dignity To Be Like Him. 1 John 3:1 “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”**
 - A. Believers recognize this present distinction.
 1. **Galatians 3:26**
 - B. Yet, the world does not recognize us. **“The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”**
 1. **1 Corinthians 2:14**

 - III. There Is A Promised Destiny To Be Like Him. 1 John 3:2 “Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.”**
 - A. God has not revealed all that we shall be.
 - B. Our hope is that we will be like Him.
 1. **“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” Matthew 5:8**
 - C. Hope for tomorrow keeps us pure today. **“Everyone who has this hope purifies himself.” (1 John 3:3)**