

CONFIDENCE #2

One of the great blessings of Christianity is being able to know, with certainty, that we are saved. Unfortunately, many who claim Christ simply do not have this assurance. When believers are asked the question, if you died today or if Christ came back today, do you think you would be saved, too often the answer is well, I definitely hope so. But when we turn to the Scriptures regarding this subject, we find that a Christian should have a very positive attitude toward his eternal destiny when this life is over.

The apostle John talks about being sure of our salvation in 1 John 2:28. There he writes, “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.”

John says that the key to our assurance of reaching our heavenly goal is abiding in Christ. To accomplish that we must abide in His teachings, which means, living according to His will as revealed in the New Testament. By refusing to do that, we can fully expect fear and shame at His coming. However, by following John’s instructions, we can go through each day confidently looking forward to standing before our Lord, whenever that takes place, and hearing Him say, “well done, you good and faithful servant.”