

Stand or Shrink Away?

Preparing to Meet our Master

1 John 2:26-28
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The "Big Picture" of 1 John 1-2

1 John 1:3-4

What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

1 John 2:20

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

Warning Against Deception

1 John 2:26

These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

The Constant Danger of Deception

2 Corinthians 11:3

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

The Teaching of the Anointing

1 John 2:27

As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

John 15:26

When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me.

The Teaching of the Holy Spirit

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 16:13-14 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Confidence at His “*parousia*”

1 John 2:28

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.

Called to Stand

Luke 21:36

But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

#1 Pray for the strength to endure

Ephesians 3:16

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.

#2 Pray for the strength to confess

Acts 4:29

And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence.

#3 Remember who makes you able to stand

Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy
