

*“And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His Coming.”*  
*1 John 2:28 KJV*



Remember, as a child, when Mom threatened your bad behavior with Dad’s return from work? “You just wait till your Father gets home!” When that time rolled around you suddenly found someplace else to be. You dreaded hearing Dad call your name! Abiding in Christ is the daily study, meditation and obedience of God’s Word. This cannot be done without faith! “*Ye have an*

*Unction (anointing) from the Holy One. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure.”* It is the indwelling Holy Spirit of Truth who is the “*unction*” to trust and obey. He is God and His Voice of God’s Word in your mind is the Voice of God! Without faith you cannot hear Him or obey and you do not possess the Eternal Life that is part and parcel of the presence of Eternity’s Sovereign, Jesus Christ! You cannot be “*saved*” from death without faith in Jesus Christ! “*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He Power to become the sons of God, even to THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*” Without faith in Jesus Christ, God’s Word “*made flesh,*” you will NOT ESCAPE GOD’S JUDGMENT! “*And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and Death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the Second Death.*” Death itself cannot protect you from God! Death is the portal to eternity predetermined by your faith or lack thereof in the Word of God in this present life! Jesus is returning soon to this earth to call His own into the glorious liberty of eternal light and pleasure! Are you ready to greet Him? Or has your behavior caused you to “*be ashamed at His coming?*” You cannot hide from God, ever!

Christ returns! O glorious thought!  
For all the ransomed blood-washed throng.  
With all life’s battles finished; fought,  
They’ll greet their Father with a song! -CGP

Dear Reader, are you in the family of God by Grace through faith? Do you obey His Word? If not, Christ’s return is the beginning of your eternal nightmare! Dear Believer, how are you behaving? Are you looking for your Lord’s return? Are you standing at the window watching the road for signs of His arrival? Will you be glad to see Him or be afraid of His Judgment?

*“Henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that Day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that LOVE His appearing.”* 2 Timothy 4:8 KJV