

February 22nd-23rd, 2020 Sermon
“Partaking of the Riches of Christ”

1 John 2:28 – 3:3

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And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- 1) Can you think of someone that you would describe as someone who “abided” in Christ? What was it about them that stood out?
- 2) Read 2 John 2:28-29. What are some of the impacts of abiding? Would you say you are experiencing those in your life today?
- 3) What is the connection between receiving God’s love and abiding? What is one accusation that your “inner accuser” makes against you?
- 4) Which of the treasures Brandon identified from the passage speaks most powerfully to you? Why?
- 5) Henri Nouwen once wrote, “True spiritual friendship is the calling out of one another’s “belovedness.” How can we do that together as a group?