

Read 1 John 2:28-29.

*If you remain in my word, truly you are my disciples. You will know the truth, and truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32).*

*Remain in me, and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself if it does not remain on the vine, so you cannot if you do not remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. (John 15:4-5)*

In 1 John 2:28-29, what does it mean to *remain in him*?

What will be the result of remaining in him?

Read 1 John 3:1-3.

*To those who received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to be children of God, who were born not of blood nor of the will of flesh nor of a man's will but born of God. (John 1:12-13).*

*Amen, amen, I tell you, if anyone is not born of water and Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. What is born of flesh is flesh, but what is born of the Spirit is spirit. (John 3:5-6)*

Describe what it means for you to be called a child of God.

What should you not expect from the world?

What wonderful mysteries are contained in 1 John 2:2?

How does the expectation of things to come affect our present existence?

Read 1 John 3:4-10.

“Where did sin come from?” How does verse 4 help answer that question?

What does it mean that our sins are taken away?

What are verses 6 and 7 trying to emphasize to us?

Why would a child of God want to do what is righteous and not want to do what is sinful?

*The Son of God appeared to destroy the devil’s works.* Compare this with Genesis 3:15.

What distinguishes the children of God from the children of the devil?