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**WE ALL LIKE TO BE PREPARED...**

**ARE YOU ALWAYS READY FOR WHAT LIFE THROWS AT YOU?**

- We should endeavor to do that...
- We plan for emergencies.
- We plan for special events.
- We plan for the unexpected.
- We should plan for the coming of the Lord!

**JOHN BEGINS A NEW SECTION:**

- Hinge section – between the previous and the new section (chapter 3ff)
- The tip is the “and now” of verse 28
- A new paragraph in Greek
- Hinges the “abiding” [used 10x] of chapter 2; to the new section chapter 3 where John focuses on Sonship via the new birth [used 9x] from this point.
- Also there is a theme of confidence from this point...(2:29-4:19)
- So, in our lives we can be sure, (confident) of a lot of things...

**JOHN GIVES US 2 THINGS WE CAN BE SURE OF**

**I. We are sure of heaven (v. 28)**

John uses 2 subjunctive verbs:

σκωμεν – “we may have” [confidence!] and...

αισχυντωμεν – “be shamed” with the negative: μη “not”

Now there are 2 messages here:

➡ message to believers

➡ message to unbelievers

A. Message to believers

First: “Abide in Him” - μενω [imperative] “to stay, to remain”

Second: As we are sure of heaven, it will produce 2 reactions:

1. We have confidence! – assurance, poise
2. We will not be ashamed!

(Over)



B. Message to unbelievers:

Are you ready?

Or would you be ashamed at all the opportunities you had to receive Christ?

**II. We are sure of righteous living (vs. 29)**

A. Because God is righteous

2 words translated “know” are 2 different Greek words:

First: οιδα – sense of perceiving, understanding an absolute truth, because I’m, (you’re) told.

Second: γινωσκω – to know **by** experience

B. Because man can be righteous ➡ because He (God) is righteous!

**CONCLUSION:**

- Are you righteous and ready for the Lord to come?
- Jesus is coming, are you confident, or will you shrink away?
- Are you sure your saved? There are only 2 places to go when we meet the Lord. Where will you spend eternity?