



Lesson Four – You KNOW What You Know! (1 John 2:24-3:3)

Let's Get Started

- ⊕ What do we mean when we use the expression, "I hold it in my heart"? For instance: "I hold the memory of that Thanksgiving in my heart."
- ⊕ If I told you your favorite team or favorite artist or actor, etc. was awful, how would you defend them? Are you, in a way, defending yourself?

Into the Text

- ⊕ Let the Truth Abide in You – 2:24-27
 - * Keep what you were _____ from the beginning and you'll be fine!
 - This is just what he said to the " _____."
 - Keep the _____ in your heart! (See Jer 31)
 - * Our ultimate _____ is also our ultimate _____!
 - The promise of an _____ with God has to mean something NOW!
 - What are we saved _____ - not just *FROM*!?
 - "The gospel isn't such great news if it only has benefit when you're _____!"
 - * We have to be aware – people **will** try to _____ us!
 - * But, never forget: we have all the _____ we need to defend ourselves.

Apply It

- ⊕ What spiritual disciplines can we add to our lives to help us abide in what we've been taught? How do we do that?
- ⊕ Look at 1 Peter 3:15 – "...always be ready..." Are we on offense or defense? Or both?

Into the Text

- ⊕ Children of God – 2:28-3:3
 - * This seems to switch back to _____ - it's *τεκνία* again.
 - * We don't ever want to stand before God and be _____!
 - Where do we get this confidence? Verse _____...
 - _____, in John's writing, is a verb – practice it!
 - Great verse showing the different "know"s.

* How do we KNOW we're "born of God? 2:29, 4:____, 5:____, 5:____, 5:____.

* In 3:1, " _____ " is an *imperative*: we **need** to do this!

* GIGANTIC STATEMENT – 3:2: "...we _____ children of God..." So:

- We will be _____ Him.

- We will _____ ourselves. (See 1:7-8)

Apply It

- ⊕ Do we ever get caught up in thinking "righteousness" is an inward thing? How is righteousness *outward*?
- ⊕ How does a real, biblical understanding of God's love for us help us live out our faith on a daily basis?
- ⊕ We've stated repeatedly that God doesn't expect perfection. But He does demand *purification*. What's the difference? How do we do this?