



# Words of Hope From John

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INTRODUCTION: There should be no doubt that we live in a world of uncertainties. We are uncertain of the timing of trials on the horizon. We cannot predict situations and problems. And we certainly have no hope of tomorrow. Early on in John's epistle he gives a glimpse into the purpose of his writing. In I John 3:1-3 he says, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." But before he closes his epistle he hooks us with a message of hope and assurance that leaves us nearly breathless. Listen to his boldness and wisdom. He has no doubt that he is speaking the truth. Let's take a closer look and see if we can gain insight, hope, and assurance . . . .

## DISCUSSION:

### I. There is Hope For Anyone Born of God

I John 5:18 says, "We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him."

### II. There is Hope For Anyone Belonging To God

I John 5:19 says, "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one."

### III. There is Hope For Anyone Believing in God

I John 5:20 says, "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life."

CONCLUSION: We need to keep in mind that these great assurances are available to every faithful Christian. The only thing required for these assurances is being a Christian. If you are not a Christian then you have no assurance. Why not accept Jesus today and repent of the sin in your life? You can be forgiven of all your trespasses and you can have an everlasting hope!

WORD OF THE DAY = "Hope"