

Study Guide for I John Lesson-05: Living Hope

Lesson Focus Passage: [I John 2:28-3:10](#)

Background: In our previous episode, “Truth or Consequences” ([I John 2:18-27](#)), we saw John’s reminding believers that they **know** the whole truth regarding Christ as revealed in the Word of God and as taught by the Holy Spirit who abides in them.

This was the third test that reveals authentic believers: the *truth test*. This test is related to the doctrinal truths around the *person and work of Jesus Christ*.

This week we will focus on the sure, great living hope that believers have in Christ. Unlike the dreams of football teams, the hope of believers is secure in Him.

Having the assurance of that great hope what should be our attitude? What should our lives look like? How do true, authentic Christians behave?

Preparatory Questions

“Biblical hope is not a wish but an absolute future reality guaranteed by the Lord.”
Pastor John MacArthur

1. Read the following passages and write down what you learn about hope in the Scripture?
 - a. [Romans 15:4](#)
 - b. [I Cor 15:54-57](#)
 - c. [1 Thess 5:8](#)
 - d. [2 Thess 2:16-17](#)
 - e. [Galatians 5:5](#)
 - f. [Col 1:5](#)
 - g. [Col 3:4](#)
 - h. [Hebrews 6:19-20](#)
 - i. [I Peter 1:3](#)