I. Introduction.
   A. Text: 1 John 3:1-10.
   B. Sin means to miss the mark or go over God's mark.
   C. Sin is from the devil--it is a rebellion against God.
   D. Jesus performs wonderful ministries to solve the sin problem.

II. Jesus dies for us.
   A. He takes away our sins. (John 1:29)
   B. His death explains his birth and life.
   C. Only Christ could die for us because he was the only sinless one.
   D. Sin creates three problems: penalty, presence and power of sin. Jesus' death takes care of the penalty of sin.
   E. The penalty has been taken care of--he died for us.

III. Jesus lives for us.
   A. A Christian is not one who is sinless, he is one who sins less.
   B. The divine nature is implanted in the Christian.
   C. We abide in Jesus Christ.
      1. We do this through the fellowship of the church.
      2. We do this by abiding in the Word of God.

IV. Jesus is coming for us to take care of the presence of sin.
   A. The Second Coming is just as certain as his first coming.
   B. Our bodies will be transformed when Jesus returns.

V. Our response.
   A. We should trust Jesus.
   B. We should abide in him.
   C. We should walk in the light motivated by the return of Christ. We should not be ashamed.
Application questions:


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2. How do we abide in Christ?

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3. How would you respond to a Christian who says he is not really concerned so much about the return of Jesus? Explain.

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