

## “God’s Pathway to Purity”

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**Key Truth:** The Scriptures show us God’s pathway to hope which produces purity and confidence as we look for Christ’s return.

Some don’t see the Bible as the source of healing and victory over sin because they judge the gospel as too simple to handle complex problems. However, for someone struggling with sexual sin, to overcome that sin is to start with Scripture. If we don’t trust God’s Word as the sufficient, supreme, complete, and final authority in faith and practice, we’ll inevitably fail to conquer our sin. God’s pathway to purity is simple on the surface, but complex in essence. It’s like the gospel itself. It’s so simple even a child can believe it, but so complex that it can be studied by a theologian for a lifetime. Knowing that God has called us to holiness, the only way to conquer sexual sin and to enjoy purity of life is to appeal to God by faith through His Word.

### **DISCUSS**

Read **1 John 2:28-3:10** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “God’s Pathway to Purity.”

### **DIG IN**

**Four Truths Hannah’s prayer teaches us about God:**

#### **1. Our Focus: Christ’s Return** (1 John 2:28b, 3:2)

Why do people often resort to other treatment methods before engaging in serious biblical discipleship? What might be the benefit of starting with Scripture?

What is the value of making Christ’s return our primary focus in life?

In what practical ways can or should we focus on Christ’s return in addressing sin?

#### **2. Our Goal: to be Unashamed** (1 John 2:28c)

What kinds of goals do men tend to adopt in life? In what ways might we concentrate on the wrong goals?

Do you agree that our goal in God’s pathway to purity is to stand unashamed in Christ’s presence? Why or why not?

#### **3. Our Pathway:** (1 John 2:28a, 29-3:3)

In what biblical ways should we abide in Christ and how does that discipline produce hope?

**Read Romans 5:2-5:** In what ways does suffering ultimately produce hope?

In what ways does hope produce purity (vv. 2b-3)?

Why is it necessary to put our purity into action through good works? In what ways does this help us walk in Christ?

### **DO**

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?