

## DISCERNING EVIL & DECEPTION

1 JN 2:18-27

Part 3

### V. THE ENCOURAGEMENT

- A. 24 Let what **you** heard from the beginning abide in **you**. If what **you** heard from the beginning abides in **you**, then **you** too will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he made to **us**—eternal life.
- B. Note how personal John makes this statement→ “you” 5x
- C. There are detractors and destructors out there→How do you respond?
- D. **WORD REMAINS** → Let what **you** heard from the beginning abide in **you**
1. Respond with what you already know→ **the gospel**
  2. “Let that Word remain in you”→ v7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.
  3. **abide in you** means to remain, dwell, live, endure –
    - a. Truths of the gospel is not just facts and information, it is a way of life
    - b. Truths of the gospel is the defense against lies of false teaching.
  4. Jesus instructed: Re 3:11 I am coming soon. **Hold fast what you have**, so that no one may seize your crown.
  5. John taught the believers to treasure the Gospel Message:Let it live, remain, dwell
    - a. **decisions should be guided by it**,
    - b. Deceivers will come to rob you of God’s Word— hold on to it!
    - c. Ps 119:11 ¶ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
    - d. Abiding in the Word changes the life and guides the believer away from sin.
  6. 24b . . .If what **you** heard from the beginning abides [remains] in **you**, then **you** too will abide in the Son and in the Father
    - a. If the gospel remains in you, then **you** too will remain in the Son and in the Father
    - b. Son & the Father live where the Word lives, where it “abides”
    - c. Note he lists the “Son” first, it is purposeful → you will have fellowship with the Father only after you are in fellowship with the son
    - d. Jesus in His prayer to the Father→ John 17:20 ¶ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

E. **WORD'S PROMISE** -> 25 And this is the promise that he made to **us**—eternal life.

1. John writes, “**And**” which links what he just wrote with what follows.
2. If what **you** heard from the beginning abides in **you**, then **you** too will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he made to **us**—eternal life.
3. When the Word Remains/ is lived out in the life and there is Fellowship with the Son and Father, then this is evidence that they are recipients of the promise of Eternal Life->When it does not remain, then the opposite is true.
4. **this =eternal life**> which is the promise of Jesus Christ
5. Eternal Life is promised by and through the Son, Jesus Christ
  - a. John 3:36 **Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.**
6. **Eternal life is completely and directly anchored in Jesus Christ through the Word and the Spirit!**-> And when it remains, it is evident in the life of the believer

## VI. THE VINDICATION

A. 3 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ANTICHRISTS

1. Leave the church
2. Deny Jesus as the Christ
3. Are Deceivers

B. True believers are vindicated against all deceivers' lies by the fact that they stand on Truth and their lives demonstrate it!

C. John warns of teaching that would pull them away from the truth.

D. 26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

1. **these things** refers to what he just discussed in vv21-25
2. Purpose of writing again is to remind them of what the Holy Spirit has revealed to them in the Word
3. True believers know the truth, they trust in the Son of God and they remain in fellowship with both Christ and the Father.

4. Mat 24: 1 And Jesus answered them, "**See that no one leads you astray.** 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and **they will lead many astray.**

5. Prepare for battle by being in the Word, memorizing, meditating, practicing it.

E. 27 But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you.

1. **anointing that you received from him** -> this is the knowledge given at salvation and continues in the true believer
2. “**Him**” is the Jesus Christ- He gives the Holy Spirit to the believer

3. This does not mean there is no need for godly teachers of the truth,
  4. Points out that true teaching, true learning and wisdom comes from above
  5. Holy Spirit is the teacher and He will also be the One who provides the power for it to abide/be lived out in your life
  6. Don't need anyone (deceivers) to give you new truth that is NOT in the Word of God
  7. Caution comes for you not to get caught up in such teaching situation
  8. You know truth— careful when someone begins to teach otherwise.
- F. But as his anointing teaches you **about everything**, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.
1. You were taught truth by the Holy Spirit and He will never teach lies
  2. So just as He have revealed truth to you— abide in His teaching.
- G. But as his anointing teaches you **about everything**,
1. Holy Spirit will teach believers and guide them in what is true—>leaves nothing out
  2. John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be **with you forever**,
  3. Man can instruct in truth—Holy Spirit makes it Truth to the Hearer
- H. John's final exhortation is “you know the truth because you have been taught truth by the Holy Spirit—> —just as it has taught you, **abide in him**.”
1. None know all there is to know
  2. But if you know Christ, you know the gospel
  3. Let the gospel abide in you.
  4. Live it out in life.
  5. Stay connected to it.
  6. Don't be fooled by deceivers.