

1 John 2:12-29 **Temporal love of the world – Deceivers – Discernment - Abide**

Abiding in Truth Over comes the Wicked One

12 I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one.

I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.

I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

Do Not Love the World

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world.

17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Deceptions of the Last Hour

18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

Abide in Truth – Discern False Doctrine

24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that He has promised us — eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.

27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Abide in Christ

28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.
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Facts Revealed:

Abiding in Truth Over comes the Wicked One [1 John 2:12-14]

- ✠ The sins of trusting new believers are forgiven for the sake of the reputation of the name of Christ Jesus.
- ✠ Mature believers have known Jesus Who is the Eternal Word Creator God from the beginning. [1 John 5:4]
- ✠ Young people who have established a working relationship with Christ have overcome the wicked one by their faith. [1 John 5:4]
- ✠ New believers have come to faith by knowing the Father.
- ✠ Mature believers have known Christ who is the Eternal Word Creator God from the beginning. [John 1:1-5]
- ✠ Young People who are established believers have the strength of youth while the Word of God abides in them because of their believing faith by which they overcome the wicked one. [Revelation 12:11]

Do Not Love the World [1 John 2:15-17]

- ✠ Do not love the world or the things in the world.
 - ✧ Loving the things of the world, is a life focused on self with its desire for personal pleasure and ego gratification.
 - ✧ Loving the Father calls for an individual to set aside the desires of the flesh in a response to the higher goal of the Will of God.
 - ✧ These two are incompatible as Jesus said, "You can not serve God and Mammon." [Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13]
- ✠ Therefore, if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [1 John 2:15]
 - ✧ For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. [1 John 2:16]
 - ✧ The world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. [1 John 2:17]
 - ✧ Clearly the focus is on the transitory status of the world as opposed to the eternal hope of the believer.
 - ✧ When viewed in light of Eternity, whatever the world has to offer becomes totally inadequate and undesirable.
 - ✧ Peter has stressed the process of the end of the world when the elements melt with a fervent heat and all that is in the world will be burned up. [2 Peter 3:7, 10-12]

Deceptions of the Last Hour [1 John 2:18-23]

- ✠ Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. [1 John 2:18]
 - ✧ Jesus taught of Antichrists who would appear especially near the time of the end and the return of Christ and His Kingdom by calling them false christs. [Matthew 24:24, Mark 13:22]
 - ✧ Jesus confirmed the message of the end-time Antichrist as He gave the revelation of the last days. [Revelation 13:1-8]
 - ✧ John looked at the false teachers of his day who rejected the deity of Jesus and equated them with the concept of the Antichrist spoken of by Jesus.
 - ✧ Peter spoke of them as false teachers. [2 Peter 2:1-3]
 - ✧ Paul called them false apostles. [2 Corinthians 11:12-15]

- ✧ Paul indicated that they would rise up among the believers in the Church. [Acts 20:30-31]
- ✧ John acknowledged that though the false christs had risen up from among the believers and drew many to follow their error, they did not stay with the Church but departed with their disciples to do their own work indicating that they were not a true part of the Church. [1 John 2:19]
- ✧ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. [1 John 2:20-21]
- ✧ The Holy Spirit enables our discernment of error. When we know the truth (the Word of God), we will recognize the error when it comes along as we are prompted by the Holy Spirit.
- ✧ This is not a new revelation, but a reminder of what we already know from Scriptures which do not lie.
- ✧ **Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the (Messiah) Christ?** He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. [1 John 2:22-23]
- ✧ Evidence of the identity of an Antichrist is found in their doctrine.
- ✧ As in religious groups around the world today, the problem in false doctrine is failure to recognize the true identity of Jesus.
- ✧ The question Jesus asked the disciples is a valid question for all time. "But who do you say that I am?" [Matthew 16:13, 15, Mark 8:27, 29, Luke 9:18, 20]
- ✧ Because the Antichrist denies the Father and the Son, he has neither of them.
- ✧ Whoever acknowledges the true identity of Jesus has a right relationship with both the Father and the Son.

Abide in Truth – Discern False Doctrine [1 John 2:24-27]

- ✧ Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. [1 John 2:24]
- ✧ That which we have heard from the beginning which John commands us to let abide in us is the testimony of the identity of Christ Jesus as God the Word in human form.
- ✧ This is the focus of the beginning of this epistle as well as the beginning of his Gospel.
- ✧ If the belief of the identity of Jesus abides in us, we will also have the assurance that we abide in the Son Jesus our Savior and in the Father above all.
- ✧ By believing, we have the assurance of eternal life. [1 John 2:25, John 3:13-18, 17:4, 20:31]
- ✧ These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. [1 John 2:26]
- ✧ The purpose of the letter is to guard the reader against those false teachers who John has been describing through this writing to help us avoid being taken by their deception.
- ✧ But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. [1 John 2:27]
- ✧ The anointing John is speaking of is the indwelling Holy Spirit in the believer guiding our understanding to recognize deceptive doctrine when we hear it. [1 John 2:20-21, 27]
- ✧ The discernment prompted by the Holy Spirit is reliable and fully trust worthy. By following His prompting we will abide in Christ.
- ✧ Jesus said, "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. [John 16:13-15]

Abide in Christ [1 John 2:28-29]

- ✠ And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. [1 John 2:28]
 - ✧ Holding onto our faith, believing that Jesus in Whom we trust is indeed God the Word in human form is what will keep us abiding in Him.
 - ✧ It is that faith that will stand by us at the time of His appearing and give us confidence so we will not be ashamed before Him at His coming.
 - ✧ It is that faith that Paul spoke of when he said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, **I have kept the faith.**" [2 Timothy 4:7]
 - ✧ The time that counts is the time Jesus comes to set up His Kingdom. [1 John 2:28, 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 1 Corinthians 15:23]
 - ✧ The Day of accountability is the day Jesus comes to purge the earth of all that offends God and set up His millennium Kingdom.
- ✠ If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. [1 John 2:29]
 - ✧ The evidence of knowing Jesus and being born of Him is demonstrated by our righteous behavior.