

## **1 John 2:18-29**

### **“Abiding in the Word and the Spirit”**

**We exist for God’s glory by committing ourselves to God’s Truth, God’s People, and God’s Mission.**

#### **Why is the Word of God so important?**

- it by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit will keep us until the Day of the Lord
- **Acts 11:23-26**
  - Barnabas exhorted them to remain faithful to the Lord
  - He and Paul taught them the Word of God

#### **Read 1 John 2:18-29**

- **context- the church was frayed by those who left the faith and deception..**
  - John desire is to do 2 things:
    - Explain why
    - Encourage the Church that it’s not going to be them
- **find the repetitions in this text**

#### **I. Repetition 1- verse 18— it’s the last hour**

- age of deception near the return of Christ
- increasing activity
- spirit of antichrist does anything to diminish Christ and substitute other views or persons in His place

#### **II. Repetition 2- Verse 19 — Test of perseverance**

- perseverance is essential

#### **III. 20-23- The anointed by the Holy One**

- anointed on eyes- scales fall from eyes- moment of salvation - Spirit given
- we know the Truth (gift of the Spirit)
- The Spirit will never lead the believer in a direction that compromises the Word of God
  - guides us into truth/guards us from error
  - The Spirit does not speak on his own or reveal something not already revealed
    - He may clarify but doesn’t bring new revelation
- the Antichrist denies God- spirit of antichrist and great deception
- The believer confesses Christ
- has the Father also
  - how can we remain faithful in confessing Christ in a world that denies him?**

#### **IV. Repetition 3- verse 24**

- abide- remain
- let the Word you heard abide (passive)
- this would be the apostolic teaching they had heard and the teaching of Jesus
- this would be the gospel
- if it remains in you... if it abides, it will cause you to abide....
- then you will abide... in the Son and in the Father

#### **V. The Spirit and the Word lead us to eternal life**

- future and present

Where is the Holy Spirit in all of this?

- It's the Holy Spirit who anointed our eyes to see the Holy One
- v.27- It's the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us and keep us in the Truth and guard us from error
- The Holy Spirit always works in tandem with the revealed Word of God
- He teaches us through the Word not on His own

What's our hope? Abiding..

How do we abide? Continue in the Word by the Power of the Spirit

Verse 28-29- abide in Him.... Have confidence in His return and not shrink back...

**Take Home:**

1. We are in the last hour of deception
2. The Word of God and the Spirit of God protect us from deception and lead us to eternal life.
3. Therefore we should let the Word abide in us and we should abide in the Spirit.

**Here's our commitment to God's Truth:**

1. We believe God's Truth
2. We obey God's Truth
3. We proclaim God's Truth

What's your plan to commit to God's Truth in 2023?

- commit ourselves to gathering with God's people on Sunday's and Small group (not enough)
- Bible reading plans in the foyer