

Warnings and Exhortations, Part 2 (1 John 2:18-27)

Hold on to God's Revealed Truth

1. Mark Those Who _____ Jesus (18)

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.

- a. The urgency of the time
- b. The warning of THE antichrist
- c. The coming of many antichrists
- d. The evidence of the time

2. Observe the _____ from the Apostles (19)

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.

- a. This is often used for people leaving a local church...
- b. Note "US" (the apostles – see 1:1-4 – we versus you)
- c. They left the apostles
- d. They were not truly part of the apostles
- e. They would have remained with the apostles
- f. Their departure reveals their true and dangerous denial of core beliefs

3. Recognize God's _____ Truth (20-21)

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.

- a. The meaning of "anointing"
 - *chrisma*: A noun used only 3x in the NT; all in 1 John 2 (2x in v. 27)
 - KEY: Understand this in the time of its writing. What were the circumstances then?
 - Based on its description: Relates to revelation (knowledge) (20b-21)
 - Either the Holy Spirit, or the understanding given by the Spirit.
- b. The results of the "anointing"
 - 21b – You (pl) have come to know all [things]
 - 22a – Not because you have not come to know the truth
 - 22b – Because you have come to know it
 - 22c – Because each lie is not being from the truth

c. Historical explanation: What was true for believers in John's time...

- They were still living in the time when direct revelation was being given
- They were still living in the time before the Scriptures were completed
- This needs to be seen in light of these circumstances

4. Know the Core _____ of an Antichrist (22-23)

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.

- a. 22a – Issue is specifically the identity of Jesus as Messiah
- b. 22b – This issue ultimately denies both the Father and the Son
- c. 23a – Denying the Son goes with denying the Father
- d. 23b – Confessing the Son goes with confessing the Father
- e. Foundational Christianity...
 - ...recognizes the Trinity
 - ...recognizes the Son
 - ...recognizes the Father

5. Determine to _____ to God's Revealed Truth (24)

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.

- a. Command: Let what was revealed from the beginning be remaining (~!) in you
 - Requires knowing the truth
 - Requires living by the truth
 - Requires not drifting from the truth (false teaching; fads; filler)
- b. Condition:
 - IF what was revealed in [the] beginning remains in you...
 - THEN you will be remaining
 - In the Son
 - In the Father

6. Embrace the Ultimate _____ & Reason (25)

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

- a. The Origin: The promise which He Himself promised to you
- b. The End: Eternal life!

7. John Summarizes What He Is Saying (26)

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

- a. *His Writing: I have written to you*
- b. *His Reason: Concerning the ones leading you astray (false teachers)*

8. A Guarantee of the _____ of God's Revelation (27)

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.

- a. *You (pl) are having: Present anointing (at that time) is remaining in you*
- b. *You Are NOT Having: A need that someone might be teaching you (pl)*
 - *This cannot be saying that We need no teachers (the Bible is clear otherwise: Mt 28:20; Acts 20, etc.)*
 - *This has to be understood as what had been revealed before all Scripture had been completed. Orally transmitted truth by NT prophets and other revelatory gifts were to be held onto.*
- c. *What? The same anointing is teaching YOU concerning all [things]*
- d. *Why?*
 - *It is (~) true*
 - *It is (~) not a lie*
- e. *So?*
 - *Just as it has taught you*
 - *Be remaining (~!) in it*

TAKEAWAYS:

- _____ **on the revealed truths of God's Word**
- _____ **critical / key truths (doctrine makes all the difference)**
- _____ **of false teachers and false teachings (as measured against God's Word)**

SERIES: 1 John: How Do I Walk in Fellowship with God?

1:1-3 – The basis of John's writing: Eyewitness Accounts

1:4 – The primary reason for John's writing: Joy

1:5 – Two truths: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all

1:6-2:2 – How do I walk in the light?

1:6 – *By not basing it on what I say or intend*

1:7 – *By walking my means of God's light*

1:9-10 – *By saying the same thing about my sins as God does*

2:1-2 – *By seeing any sin to be as serious as God says*

2:3-16 – Measuring my maturity: How do I know I have grown spiritually?

2:3-6 – *By keeping God's commands*

2:7-11 – *By loving others (especially believers)*

2:12-14 – *By observing progress*

2:15—3:3 – Warnings & Exhortations

2:15-17 – *Do Not Love the World*

2:18-27 – Hold on to God's Revealed Truth

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