



Antichrist, Anointing, Abiding (Part 3)

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1 John 2:18-29

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REVIEW — Let's remember what we learned in our study of 1 John 1-2...

John gives us the DTR of the Christian

True believers **walk** in the light (1 John 1:6-7).

True believers **confess** their sin (1:8-2:1)

True believers **keep** His commandments (2:3-4; 5:2-3).

True believers **love** the brethren (2:9-11; 3:10, 14-15; 5:2).

True believers **affirm** sound doctrine (2:20-23; 4:2,6).

I. THE CONFESSION — A Non-Negotiable Doctrine vs. 22-23

"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God"

II. THE CONNECTION — 3 Ways This Applies to Our Confession

The **Antichrist** — The **PERIL** to our confession. vs. 18-19

The Point — The spirit of the anti-Christ will lead false believers to **DEPART** from Christ and forsake the Church.

LESSON — Antichrist, Anointing, Abiding (Part 3) 2:18-29

The **Anointing** — The **PROTECTION** to our confession. vs. 20-21, 27

*“But **you** have an **anointing** from the Holy One, and you all **know**. I have not written to you because you do not **know the truth**, but because you **do know it**, ...”*

*“As for you, the **anointing** which you received from Him **abides in you**, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; ... His **anointing** teaches you about all things, ...”*

What does the context tell us about the anointing?

1. Whatever it is we (believers) **ALL** have it (vs. 20-21, 27)
2. Whatever it is it “**ABIDES**” in us (v. 27).
3. Whatever it is it is responsible for what we “**KNOW**” about the “**TRUTH**” and what God is “**TEACHING**” us about Christ (v. 27)
4. Whatever it is it is God’s way of ultimately **PROTECTING** us (believers) from the spirit of the antichrist who is seeking to turn people to false teaching about Christ (v. 20).

Passages that help define the “anointing”

1 John 4:1-3, 13

Luke 4:18 (Cf. Acts 10:38)

John 14:26

John 16:12-15

The anointing is the **TRUTH** from the Holy Spirit, or more likely the **HOLY SPIRIT** Himself.

The Point — A true Christian may doubt, question, and may temporarily be led astray, but they will never **DENY** Christ because of the Holy Spirit in them.

The **Abiding** — The **PROMISE** of our confession. vs. 24-25, 28-29

*“As for you, let that **abide** in you which you **heard from the beginning** ... if what you heard **abides** in you, you also will **abide** in the Son and in the Father.*

*“Now, little children, **abide in Him**, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.”*

The Point — The Spirit will continue to **DEEPEN** the perseverance of the believer as he abides in Christ and God’s Word.