

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

I JOHN 2:24-29

Lesson 9

REVIEW:

Our encounter with the false teachers in I John 2:18-23 has heightened our awareness of the danger of not abiding in Christ. What have you learned from this passage regarding *antichrists* in the church?

Without the present illumination of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God must remain a dead letter to every man, no matter how intelligent or well-educated he may be... It is just as essential for the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of Scripture to the reader today as it was necessary for Him to inspire the writer in their day.
-William Law

FIRST DAY:

Read and study I John 2:24-29 inductively. See pages 5 and 6.

SECOND DAY: Read I John 2:24,25

1. Write John's instruction to the readers in the first sentence of I John 2:24. Highlight or underline the word *abide*.
 - a. *What you have heard from the beginning* refers to the Gospel, the apostolic teaching, and the original message which had been preached (The Word of God). It had not changed and would not change. John was not the only apostle who stressed the importance of steadfastness to the basic teachings of Christ. Both Paul and Peter reminded the recipients of their letters of what was most important. Record from the following Scriptures what they had to say about observing the original message.
 - 1.) Paul (II Timothy 1:3)
 - 2.) Peter (II Peter 1:12)
 - b. How would holding fast (abiding) to the basic teachings of Christ and the apostles keep us in the truth?
3. Record what I John 2:24 teaches about the following:
 - a. abide
 - b. remain
 - c. continue
4. What is the *promise* given in I John 2:25?

- a. What does it mean to you that God has *promised* to all who believe *eternal life* with Him?

THIRD DAY: Read I John 2:26,27

1. I John 2:26 refers to those *that seduce you*. I John 2:18, 22 describe these *seducers*. What two words does John use to describe them?
 - a. Look up the word *seduce* in the dictionary. What does it mean to *seduce*?
 - 1.) What is the goal of a *seducer* according to the following verses?
 - a.) Acts 20:30
 - b.) II Timothy 3:13
2. What one word would you use to describe the Holy Spirit from what you have learned in verse 27?
 - a. How do John 14:26 and I Corinthians 2:13 confirm this?
3. I John 2:27 does not mean human teachers are unnecessary or unimportant. It means that the Holy Spirit equips us to discern truth in the light of the Scriptures. I Corinthians 2:14 recognizes that spiritual things are *spiritually discerned*. Recall a specific time in your life when the Holy Spirit opened up your understanding concerning the truth about Jesus.
4. ...*the anointing which you have received of Him abides in you*. The word *abides* here speaks of the fact that the Holy Spirit permanently remains in the believer. How does this speak to you that the Holy Spirit, Who *remains in you*, has chosen to reveal truths to you about God that the natural man cannot understand?

FOURTH DAY: Read I John 2:28

1. To what does the phrase from I John 2:28 *when He shall appear* refer? Answer from Titus 2:13.
2. How does I Corinthians 3:12-15 provide a clue to what might make us *ashamed* at His return?
 - a. What do these verses reveal about believers?
Romans 14:10
II Corinthians 5:10
 - b. Ponder the word *ashamed* in this verse. Express briefly the awfulness of being *ashamed* at Christ's return for the church.

3. What is the definition of the word *confidence*?
 - a. How does abiding in Him obliterate any fear of being ashamed at His coming?
 - b. What *things* shake that confidence?
 - c. What would you like to be doing when the Lord returns?

*O Lord, that I could stand before You unashamed; How could that ever be?
 If I abide in You and Your Holy Word, ashamed I'll never be.
 My precious child, it's for that very joy I died on Calvary.*

FIFTH DAY: Read I John 2:29

1. *If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him* (I John 2:29 NIV). To be *born of Him*, we must acknowledge that God is righteous. In addition to describing character that is *right* or *just*, the word *righteous* signifies that of being *just without prejudice or partiality*. Share some ways that you see God as *righteous*.
2. What do these verses say about the ability to *do righteousness* in and of ourselves?
 - a. Isaiah 64:6
 - b. Romans 3:10
3. "The visible proof of being a Christian is right behavior. Many people do good deeds but don't have faith in Jesus Christ. Others claim to have faith but rarely produce good deeds. A deficit in either faith or right behavior will be a cause for shame when Christ returns. Because true faith always results in good deeds, those who claim to have faith and who consistently do what is right are true believers. Good deeds cannot produce salvation (see Ephesians 2:8,9), but they are necessary proof that true faith is actually present (see James 2:14-17 Life Application Bible)." How does walking in *righteousness* prove our faith in Christ?
 - a. How will our right behavior keep us from being ashamed at His coming and add to our assurance right now that we are His?

*Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know;
 Spirit, breathing from above, Thou has taught me it is so!
 Oh, this full and perfect peace! Oh, this transport all divine!
 In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.
 - W. Robinson*

SIXTH DAY: Review I John 2 (concentrating on verses 24-29)

1. This week we have completed I John 2. Look over this chapter and choose the one area that has had the most powerful influence in your life.
2. Chapter 2 has taught us much about the word *know*. *Knowing Him* is the most important thing for anyone to know. Compare the results of *knowing Him* with the results of *not knowing Him* by filling out the following chart: (Use I John 2 as your resource.)

Knowing Him	Not Knowing Him
a. vs. 3	a. vs. 4
b. vs.10	b. vs.9
c. vs. 17	c. vs. 15
d. vs. 20	d. vs. 19
e. vs. 21	e. vs. 4

3. Record what is true of those who *abide in Him*:
 - a. I John 2:24
 - b. I John 2:25
 - c. I John 2:27
 - d. I John 2:28
 - 1.) Meditate on all that we possess when we abide in Christ. Which of the above blessings do you tend to take for granted?
4. What has the believer been given to enable him to discern between truth and error?
 - a. How have you experienced this *anointing* in your life?
5. How is adherence to the truth (abiding in Him) in spite of satan's attempts to seduce or deceive us (unplug us) further evidence of our assurance?

*Whatever is our greatest need:
disciplined obedience or true discernment -
our task is to abide in Him.*

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VERSE

WHAT THE VERSE IS SAYING

- 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.
- 25 And this is the promise that He hath promised us, even eternal life.
- 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.
- 27 But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him.
- 28 And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at his coming.
- 29 If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him.

Who:

When:

What:

Where:

Why:

How:

What does this passage mean?

How does it apply to you personally?