

1 John

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The Anointing of the Holy Spirit

1 John 2:26-29

I. Introduction:

A. **Apostates and False Teachers**

1. In every generation there's those teaching false doctrine & leading people away from truth of the gospel. Raised up by Satan, they spread his lies and deception. (**1 John 2:18**)
2. – Little Children
 - a. This is John's term of endearment for fellow believers, those saved by faith in Jesus.
 - b. He was speaking to all Christians of the New Testament dispensation.
3. – The last hour
 - a. This means the age in which we live as, since the birth of the church at Pentecost, it's been the last hour. Jesus could return at any moment and rapture His church.
 - b. Human history is rapidly heading toward the culmination of God's eternal plan.
4. – Antichrist: This word has two applications.
 - (1) There is the antichrist of the tribulation.
 - a. This is the man who'll be demon possessed & do Satan's bidding on earth.
 - b. He will be a wicked man beyond any dictator in human history.
 - (2) Antichrist in plurality
 - a. There have been and are now many antichrists in the world.
 - b. All who deny that Jesus is the Christ are antichrist.
 - c. The number of antichrists is always increasing.

B. **The Key to Knowing the Truth**

1. The key to knowing the truth is the indwelling Holy Spirit.
2. Saved can recognize false teachers & false doctrine due to teaching of the Holy Spirit.
3. At salvation by faith in Jesus we're permanently indwelt & sealed by the Holy Spirit.

II. John's message (1 John 1:26)

A. **These things I have written.**

1. The letter was warning them of false teachers who'd lead them away from the truth.
2. John sounded the alarm so they could be on their guard.
3. Holy Spirit: John's warnings are in vain if they didn't depend on Holy Spirit's guiding.
4. Holy Spirit gives discernment between truth & error, & between right & wrong.
5. John warned them concerning false teachers, but they would need dependence upon the Holy Spirit to keep them from error.

B. **Application:**

1. – Pastor's responsibility
 - (1) Teach concerning the faith
 - (2) Teach concerning truth
 - (3) To guard the flock of God
2. – Congregation's responsibility
 - a. Congregation's responsibility is to listen to the pastor teacher & measure his words by the discernment of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Congregation's responsibility is also to verify in the scriptures what is being said.

- c. All our learning from God's word is in vain if we fail to depend upon the Holy Spirit for discernment.
- d. The lost man can study the Bible academically, but never really understand the truth of it without the discernment of the Holy Spirit.

III. The anointing (1 John 2:27)

A. The anointing you received

- 1. At the moment we're saved by faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit filled us and sealed us.
- 2. The Holy Spirit lives in us, teaching, convicting, and guiding.
 - a. He teaches us truth, primarily from the Bible.
 - b. He convicts us of right and wrong, sin and holiness.
 - c. He guides our thinking and choices in life.
- 3. This teaching, convicting, & guiding are proportionate to our being surrendered to Him

B. No need to be taught (1 John 2:27)

- 1. This statement has been wrongly taken to mean the church doesn't need teachers.
- 2. Some say wrongly they do not need to attend seminary in preparation for ministry, the Holy Spirit will teach them all they need to know.
- 3. There are two standards whereby we measure truth concerning God.
 - (1) – External standard
 - a. The external standard is the Bible. Bible is the inspired infallible word of God.
 - b. The Bible is God's message to humanity in every generation.
 - c. Absolute truth is found in the Bible.
 - (2) – Internal standard
 - a. Everything in the Bible is confirmed & clarified by the Holy Spirit in our hearts.
 - b. All teaching from the Bible is tested and confirmed by the Holy Spirit.
 - c. Application: Christian spiritual growth is connected to both of these standards.
 - d. As we diligently study the Bible, Holy Spirit teaches us & grows us in the truth.
 - e. It takes both the external and the internal standard for us to grow.

C. Result of this anointing

- 1. The Holy Spirit - teaches us, - convicts us, & - guides us so we might know Jesus more
- 2. The Holy Spirit continually works in our hearts conforming us to the image of Jesus.
- 3. Process of teaching, convicting, & guiding is in proportion to our level of cooperation.

IV. Exhortation (1 John 2:28-29)

A. Abide in Jesus.

- 1. Abide means to stay in a place. To abide with Jesus means to stay walking with Him.
- 2. Abiding in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit requires our surrender (**Rom. 12:1-2**)
- 3. We willingly present our lives, by power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, as a daily living sacrifice to be lived out for the glory & honor of Jesus Christ. (**Romans 12:1-2**)

B. Confident when He returns

- 1. If we abide in Jesus, we will be confident when He returns.
- 2. Wonderful fellowship we've got w/ Jesus will be elevated to more fellowship in person
- 3. Ashamed: If living selfishly & in sin, we'll be ashamed when before His judgment seat

C. The evidence of righteousness (1 John 2:29)

- 1. Those pursuing righteous life give outward evidence of salvation in Hm.
- 2. Good works & righteousness don't save, but give outward evidence of looking like the one who saves.
- 3. Conversely, those living in sin & wickedness give evidence of not biding in Him.