

Series "Following After God"
"The False Life"
1 John 2:18-27 (Part-2)
Study-6

Matt 7:24-27

1 Cor 3:11

The Apostle John is writing to believers whose foundation is being tested through false teaching:

1 John 2:18-27

Part – 1: Verses 18-26 – The Antichrists

Part – 2: Verses 20-27 – The Believers' Security

1. Verses 20-21, 27 – Security Through The Holy Spirit

2. Verse 24 – Security Through The Word Of God

3. Verses 25, 27 – Security Through Eternal Life

1. Verses 20-21, 27 – Security Through The Holy Spirit:

1 John 2:18

1. Antichrist Is A Person Who Will Lead World Rebellion Against Christ.
2. Antichrist Is False Teachers Who Embody This Spirit.
3. Antichrist Is A Spirit In The World That Opposes Or Denies Christ.

Verse 19 – Antichrist's Relation To The People Of God:

Verse 20 – Security Through The Holy Spirit -

anointing – Greek word "chrisma"; related to Christ; "to smear or rub with oil, to consecrate to an office or religious service, or the special endowment"

have an anointing – John is speaking metaphorically of the special endowment of The Holy Spirit living in the believer. This takes place at conversion.

Col 2:8-11

These false teachers were in the church but the believers had the God-given Holy Spirit inside of them!

Romans 8:9-11

The Holy Spirit Knowledge is Given to All Believers –

John 7:17

John 16:13-14

Romans 8:14-16

1 John 2:21

and because no lie is of the truth – This is so basic that “a lie is a lie, and truth is truth.”

Situational Ethics – “A system of ethics that evaluates acts in light of their situational context rather than by the application of moral absolutes.” (Objective Truth or Absolute Truth)

John 17:17

1 John 2:27

Heb 13:5

Matt 28:18-20

Eph 4:11-13

you have no need for anyone to teach you; “Detection of the truth and not to the increase of the knowledge of truth.”

2. Verse 24 – Security Through The Word Of God:

1 John 2:22-23

1 John 4:3

1 John 2:24

Security Through The Word of God - As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning.

Paraphrased, "Whatever others may do, you, on your part, let the message which you have known from the beginning of your Christian experience have a permanent place in your hearts."

J.B. Phillips said, "For yourselves I beg you to stick to the original teaching"

let that abide in you which you heard; This is the Gospel Message, the Faith, (The Complete Body of Truth, the Scriptures).

Jude 1:3

2 Tim 3:14-15

Historical Beginning – heard from the beginning

Personal Beginning – As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning.

Eph 2:8-9

3. Verses 25, 27 – Security Through Eternal Life:

1 John 2:25

Security Through Eternal Life of God - promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

1 John 5:13

John 10:27-29

1 John 2:26-27

2X Him abides in you, and abide in Him.

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him,

Abide is used 23X in 1 John; Abide – "remain, dwell" speaks of union and communion.

1 John 3:24

There is no security for those outside of Jesus Christ: Do we have the Holy Spirit's Witness that we have Eternal Life?

Application:

1. Do I have Security Through The Holy Spirit? Do I have the anointing of the Holy Spirit or the baptismal rites of the church? Is the witness of God in my heart, or is it just a name on a church roll, or church attendance?
2. Do I have Security Through The Word Of God? Is the truth of God a part of one's experience, or is it only an intellectual concept?
3. Do I have Security Through Eternal Life? Am I a sharer in eternal life now, or is it just a goal for religious striving? Do I know Christ, or just know about Him? Is Christ a reality in my life, or a distant fact of history?