

INTRODUCTION

1. Please take your Bibles and turn to 1 John chapter 2.
2. We are looking this morning at verses 20-29 as John continues his response to the many false teachers that have appeared and have deserted the fellowship of believers.
3. Read 1 John 2:18-29.

LESSON

John begins verse 20 with the Greek word kai which is translated “but”.

This word is used in a variety of ways:

In Ephesians 4:11 it is used to connect the words pastors *and* teachers as one group rather than two.

It is also used to mark a contrast between two groups as in 1 John 2:20.

It could be translated “and” as in the ASV but every major translation translates it as “but.”

Verses 18-19 identify the false teachers *but* verse 20 identifies the true believers.

Throughout verses 20-29 there are many contrasts given between false teachers and true believers:

I. The Contrast (vv.20-23)

A. They Are Antichrists (v.18)

1. Mentioned two times
2. Antichrists are false teachers who lie and deceive (vv.22, 26)
3. Verse 19 says “they were not really of us”

B. You Are Christians (v.18)

1. He calls them “children” 12 times
2. “My little children” 1 time
3. “Brethren” - 3 times

C. They Left (v.19)

1. “They went out from us”

2. "They went out"
- D. You Remained (v.19)
1. "For if they had been of us, they would have remained with us"
 2. Hebrews 10:36-39 (NASB) For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. ³⁷
For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. ³⁸ But My righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. ³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.
- E. They Do Not Have the Holy Spirit
1. This is implied in verse 20
 2. Jude 1:19 (NASB) These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.
- F. You Have the Holy Spirit (v.20) (unction)

1. What is the Anointing? (v.27)

- a) Whatever it is it is from Jesus (the Holy One - Mk.1:24)
- b) It is someone you receive and lives in you
- c) It is a person
- d) The personal pronoun "Him" is used in verse 27

2. It is the Holy Spirit (v.27)

G. They are liars (v.22)

- 1. They say they have not sinned (1:10)
- 2. They do not keep God's commandments (2:4)
- 3. They deny Jesus is the Christ (2:22)
- 4. They hate believers (4:20)
- 5. They do not believe God (5:10)

H. You know the truth (vv.20-21)

- 1. "And you all know" (v.20)
- 2. Know what? The truth (v.21)

I. They deny Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) (vv.22-23)

J. You confess Jesus is the Christ (Messiah) (vv.23-24)

K. They do not have eternal life (v.25)

1. 1 John 3:15 (NASB) Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

L. You have eternal life (v.25)

1. 1 John 5:11 (NASB) And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
2. 1 John 5:13 (NASB) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.
3. 1 John 5:20 (NASB) And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

M. They deceive (v.26)

- N. You speak the truth
- O. They are taught by Satan
- P. You are taught by the Holy Spirit (v.27)
- Q. They're unfaithful (v.28)
- R. You abide (v.28)
- S. They have shame
- T. You have confidence (v.28)
- U. They do not know the righteousness of Christ
- V. You know He is righteous (v.29)
- W. They practice unrighteousness
- X. You practice righteousness (v.29)

II. The Command (vv.24-29)

A. It is to Abide (v.24)

1. "Abide" (meno) (pres.act.imp). imp. also in v.28.

2. 2nd use is same word but used in the aorist
 3. 3rd use is same word but used as a future
- B. It Has A Promise (v.25)
1. Eternal life - Jn.3:36; 1 Jn.5:13
 2. It is the Holy Spirit (v.27)
- C. You Don't Need False Teachers Teaching You (vv.26-27)
- D. You Need Spirit-filled Teachers Teaching You (Eph.5:18)
- E. It is A Part of Being a Child of God (v.28)
- F. It is the Basis of Assurance (v.29)

CONCLUSION

1. If you do not believe you are an antichrist
2. If you do believe you have the Holy Spirit who gives you discernment in knowing truth from error
3. Abiding in Christ is the fruit of salvation