

III. **REMAIN** CLOSE TO GOD (2:28-29)

John uses three words that encourage us to remain close to God:

A. **Abide** (v 28a).

“3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

John 15:3-7

B. **Appear** (v 28b).

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

II Corinthians 5:10

C. **Ashamed** (v 28c).

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15

Bottom Line: Do what is **right** in the eyes of God (v 29).

Overcome Deception And Experience Victory

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INTRODUCTION

A. God has called His children to overcome. We can and should live victorious over the difficulties in this world.

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

I John 5:4

B. The book of I John is a game plan for victory. In this series you will discover how to overcome many difficulties in your life.

May 8	Overcome Sin
May 15	Overcome Hypocrisy
TODAY	Overcome Deception
May 29	Overcome Impurity
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Come and apply these messages and develop a victorious game plan.

C. **TEXT:** I John 2:18-29 (Pew Bible/Pg.1197/New Test.)

HOW TO OVERCOME DECEPTION

I. **RECOGNIZE** FALSE TEACHERS (2:18-23)

John reveals two characteristics of false teachers:

A. They depart from the **fellowship** (vs 18-19).

“14 These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly;

15 but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”
I Timothy 3:14-15

“1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”
II Timothy 4:1-4

B. They deny the **faith** (vs 20-23).

“I and my Father are one.”
John 10:30

“7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that] may receive a full reward.

9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”

II John 7-11

“8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;”
Colossians 2:8-9

II. **REMEMBER** THE SOURCES (2:24-27)

John describes two sources for truth:

A. God’s **Word** (vs 24-26).

“ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

John 17:17

“15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
II Timothy 3:15-17

B. God’s **Spirit** (v 27).

“21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,

22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”
II Corinthians 1:21-22

“16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

John 14:16-17

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”
John 16:13