## I John 2:18-29

## Review...

- Growing in the LIGHT...
  - o Having stated God is LIGHT and in Him is NO darkness at all I John 1:5
    - And having given us the THREE tests to PROVE we are in the LIGHT I John 2:1-11
    - John described THREE seasons all of us should go through in the LIGHT!
    - Little Children who KNOW they are forgiven and KNOW the Father...
    - Young Men who KNOW the Word and have VICTORY over the Wicked one…
    - Fathers who KNOW the one who is from the beginning Jesus!
  - o Part of GROWING up in the Lord is GROWING apart from the world...
    - We are NOT to LOVE the world Jesus would tell us to HATE it Luke 14:26
    - If we LOVE the world then the LOVE of the Father is NOT in us...
    - Because all that is in the WORLD Lust of the flesh eyes and pride of life...
    - Are not of the FATHER and they are all passing away!
  - o Finally Be a LIGHT...
    - The Final part to this FIRST section to the book is the encouragement to Be a LIGHT...
    - John will look at being a LIGHT in THREE ways...
    - Because we are in the Last HOUR Because we know the TRUTH Because we ABIDE in Him!

## BE A LIGHT...

- $1^{st}$  In the Last Hour... vs. 18-19 / 22-23
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> The Antichrist... vs. 18
    - Little children it is the last hour!
      - Little Children  $[\pi\alpha\iota\delta(ov)]$  51x in NT meaning a newborn infant...
      - It is the Last HOUR very similar to the phrase LAST days Acts 2:17 II Timothy 3:1
      - The LAST DAYS began when the Holy Spirit was poured out on Pentecost Acts 2:17
      - And will continue right up to the rapture of the church I Thessalonians 4:16
      - Which begins the DAY of the LORD and the Tribulation **Revelation 6-18**
      - The FIRST reason we should be a LIGHT we are in the Last HOURS!
      - We are no longer counting DAYS until the RAPTURE we are counting HOURS...
      - Jesus is coming very SOON and we need to be READY!
      - Luke 21:28 "When all these things begin to happen... look up for your salvation is near!"
    - You have heard that the Antichrist is coming!
      - John gives us THREE evidences that we are in the Last HOURS...
      - FIRST Antichrist [ἀντίχριστος] 5x in NT I John 2:18 2:22 4:3 II John 1:7
      - The name means to be OPPOSED to the Christ to be AGAINST Jesus...
      - The definite article [THE] is before the word meaning THE Antichrist is coming [present]!
      - He will be a leader who will rise out of Europe the little horn **Daniel 7:8**
      - He will make a treaty with Israel for SEVEN years after the Magog invasion **Ezekiel 38**
      - There is a good chance he will have Jewish heritage God of his fathers **Daniel 11:37**
      - He will make PEACE by offering to rebuild the THIRD Temple for Israel Daniel 9:27
      - North of the Dome of the Rock [monument] in a place called the Dome of the Spirit...
      - He will rebuild the Temple and Jews will embrace him John 5:43
      - The rise of the Antichrist is one of the main events in the Day of the LORD...
      - But since he has NOT yet come then we know we are NOT yet in the Day of the LORD!

- **II Thessalonians 2:3** "Let no one deceive you by any means for that Day will not come unless... the man of sin is revealed..."
- Since we are in the Last HOURS there is a good chance the antichrist is alive today...
- But he cannot be revealed until the HOLY SPIRIT is removed II Thessalonians 2:7
- If he revealed himself now we would all know who he is tell the world not to follow!
- Even now many antichrists have come by which we know that it is the last hour!
  - Although THE Antichrist has not yet come there [perfect] are MANY antichrists...
  - Meaning there are a LOT of people today who are OPPOSED to Jesus...
  - Which lets us KNOW [γινώσκω] we are living in the Last HOURS!
  - Matthew 24:11 "Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many."
  - There are over TEN thousands religions [false prophets] in the world today...
  - Countless false religions Islam Hinduism Buddhism...
  - As well as CULTS Mormons JW Iglesia who claim to believe in Jesus
  - Every one of them with only one purpose meant to keep people from heaven...
  - The SPIRIT of antichrist all around us OPPOSED to the Lord!
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Falling away... vs. 19
  - They went out from us!
    - SECOND those who went out from us people who commit APOSTASY...
    - APOSTASY [ἀποστασία] meaning to depart from...
    - Talking about DEPARTURE from the FAITH turning away from God!
    - **II Thessalonians 2:3** "Let no one deceive you by any means for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first."
    - I Timothy 4:1 "The Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith."
    - A 2006 survey of several nations found ONLY 26% of people attend church weekly...
    - MANY have gone out from us 74% of people do NOT go to church!
    - The most important command we have is to LOVE God above all else Matthew 22:37
    - But in the last days people will LOVE themselves rather than God II Timothy 3:2
    - This is not hard for us to do since we by nature tend to focus on ourselves...
    - The world is becoming POST CHRISTIAN where many if not most have DEPARTED...
    - Letting us know we are in the Last HOURS but not yet the Day of the LORD!
  - They were not of us for if they had been of us they would have continued with us...
    - But they went out that they might be made manifest that none of them were of us!
    - Anyone who DEPARTS the FAITH was not part of the BODY of Christ...
    - Because if they were they would have CONTINUED [pluperfect] with us...
    - CONTINUED [ $\mu$ év $\omega$ ] to ABIDE to hold cling to...
    - But they LEFT so we could SEE [φανερόω] they were NEVER part of the BODY!
    - There are going to be people who come to church for a while then leave...
    - Maybe because of a hard teaching upset because of something the Bible says...
    - Or because they expected something from God other than salvation...
    - Maybe thinking coming to church would make them rich...
    - Whatever the reason they choose to walk away from Jesus deny the Faith...
    - But by walking away it only proves they were never serious about following Jesus!
- o 3<sup>rd</sup> Denying... vs. 22-23
  - Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ!
    - THIRD those who LIE by denying who Jesus is...
    - Anyone who DENIES [present] Jesus is the CHRIST is a LIAR!
    - Did you ever wonder why we call Jesus Christ like it is His last name...
    - Jesus is His NAME [יְהוֹשֶׁעַ] Yahweh Shua God is Salvation...

- Christ is His TITLE [Χριστός] or [מַשִּׁיהַ] meaning the anointed one!
- I John 4:3 "[Anyone] that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist."
- The purpose of the MESSIAH CHRIST was to come and DIE Philippians 2:7-8
- Jesus became a MAN so that He could live a PERFECT life and then DIE for our sin...
- Anyone who does NOT confess that is a LIAR and does not speak the TRUTH!
- He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son!
  - Anyone who DENIES [present] the Father and Son are ONE TRINITY is a LIAR...
  - That person has the SPIRIT of the antichrist they are OPPOSED to God...
  - The Bible makes it VERY clear Jesus is God!
  - **Romans 9:5** Jesus is the eternally blessed GOD **Isaiah 9:6** The Son is mighty the GOD...
  - John 20:28 Our Lord and GOD I John 5:20 the True GOD!
  - The doctrine of the DEITY of Jesus is the RED line that cannot be crossed...
  - It is what makes a RELIGION that claims to believe in Christ a CULT...
  - There is great diversity within the Body of Christ I Corinthians 12:27
  - And we can agree to disagree and a VAST collection of non-essentials...
  - But we CANNOT disagree on the Trinity Deity of Jesus Christ it is THE essential!
- Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either...
  - He who acknowledges the Son has the Father also!
  - ALL  $[\pi \tilde{\alpha} \varsigma]$  who DENY [present] the SON is God do NOT have the Father...
  - But those who SAY [ὁμολογέω] the SON is God have the Father too!
  - John 10:30 "I and My Father are one."
  - We cannot say we believe in the FATHER but not the SON they are the same...
  - We cannot say we believe in the SON but not the SPIRIT they are the same...
  - We cannot SEPARATE God we either have God in our HEARTS or we do NOT!
  - **John 14:23** "If anyone loves Me ... My Father will love him and We will come to him and make Our home with him."
- $2^{ND}$  In what we KNOW... vs. 20-21
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> The Anointing... vs. 20
    - But you have an anointing from the Holy One and you know all things!
      - The SECOND reason we should be a LIGHT because of what we KNOW...
      - There are TWO things John gives us that we KNOW [εἴδω]
    - FIRST we KNOW we have an ANOINTING from the HOLY one...
      - ANOINTING [ $\chi \rho \tilde{\iota} \sigma \mu \alpha$ ] 3x in NT [all of them here] to pour oil onto someone...
      - What OIL is poured OIL onto us the HOLY  $[\alpha\gamma\log]$  referring to the Holy SPIRIT...
      - OIL in the Bible is used as a picture of the Holy Spirit He ANOINTS us for MINISTRY!
      - **I Samuel 16:13** "Samuel took the... oil and anointed [David]... and the Spirit of the LORD came upon [him]."
      - Too often people are just placed in MINISTRY with disastrous results...
      - Listen if we are serving and feeling BURNED OUT if there is no JOY...
      - Then we are very likely in the WRONG place we are NOT called to do this!
      - Just because there NEED does not mean we are the ones to step up and HELP...
      - Just because we have certain GIFTS and abilities does not mean we are QUALIFIED...
      - The question is NOT who has the most talent or the best ideas...
      - The question is whom has God CALLED ANOINTED for a work...
      - We will be a LIGHT when we step out to do what God has ANOINTED us to do!

- I have not written to you because you do not know the truth...
- But because you know it and that no lie is of the truth!
- SECOND we KNOW [εἴδω] THE [definite article] TRUTH!
- We live in a WORLD that is upside down a WORLD that does not know God...
- A WORLD where ALL that is evil is good and ALL that is good is evil...
- When it is a crime in some countries to pray in public places or bring a Bible into school...
- But where homosexuality and abortion are protected by the Law!
- Isaiah 5:20 "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil..."
- The WORLD would love for us to question the TRUTH...
- What is right for you may not be what is right for me everything is RELATIVE...
- Event Pontius Pilate famously said to Jesus what is TRUTH John 18:38
- But it does not matter what MEN say they are all LIARS Romans 3:4
- The Bible is our ANCHOR in a backwards world it is the TRUTH!
- John 17:17 "Your word is truth." also Psalm 119:160
- $3^{RD}$  By abiding in Him... vs. 24-29
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Abiding... vs. 24
    - Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning.
    - If what you heard from the beginning abides in you you will abide in the Son and in the Father!
      - THEREFORE in light of Last HOURS we are living in and because of what we KNOW...
      - We MUST [imperative] ABIDE in what we have HEARD...
      - ABIDE [μένω] 120x in NT a word that John REALLY liked 68x in his FIVE books...
      - The Word means to CLING to something and never let go!
    - What did we HEAR in the BEGINNING [ἀρχή] we heard the WORD [λόγος]
      - **John 1:1** "In the beginning [ $\mathring{\alpha}$ ρχή] was the Word [ $\mathring{\lambda}$ όγος]..."
      - When we ABIDE [present] in the WORD we will [future] ABIDE in the SON and Father...
      - Because it is through His WORD [λόγος] that we have FAITH!
      - Romans 10:17 "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."
      - If we were asked to defuse a bomb but also given a book with detailed instructions...
      - How tightly would we hold onto the book like our lives depended on it!
      - This life is like a bomb one wrong move and it can blow up on us...
      - But we have been given an instruction manual that will keep us safe...
      - Yet too often our Bibles are just what we bring to church on Sundays...
      - They are only used when we cannot fall asleep at night...
      - We need to CLING to the Bible because our life does depend on it!
  - o  $2^{nd}$  The promise... vs. 25
    - And this is the promise that He has promised us eternal life!
    - If we ABIDE in Jesus we have the PROMISE from God…
    - PROMISE [ἐπαγγέλλομαι] 15x in NT from the word ANGEL [ἄγγελος] MESSENGER
    - The MESSAGE we have been given is we have ETERNAL [αἰώνιος] life!
    - The fact is everyone will live forever our spirit is eternal...
    - The question we are left to answer is WHERE will we spend out eternity...
    - For those who REJECT the LIGHT those who do NOT abide in the WORD...
    - They CHOSE to spend their eternity in hell because they rejected the hope of the Word!
    - But for those who are in the LIGHT those who ABIDE in Jesus...
    - Then we are given the PROMISE of HEAVEN we will be with Jesus always!
  - o  $3^{rd}$  The deception... vs. 26
    - These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you!

- John wrote these THINGS about the importance of ABIDING in the WORD...
- Because of those who want to DECEIVE us...
- DECEIVE [πλανάω] where we get the word PLANET the WORLD!
- We have to be so careful what we allow to INFLUENCE our lives...
- If we are constantly pumping social media Hollywood advertising into our heads...
- Is it no wonder that we are being DECEIVED by this world...
- Instead of being filled with the LIES of the WORLD- we need to be filled with the WORD!
- Matthew 18:13 "Jesus answered and said to them you are DECEIVED  $[\pi \lambda \alpha v \dot{\alpha} \omega]$  not knowing the Scriptures."
- o 4<sup>th</sup> The instructor... vs. 27
  - But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you!
    - The ANOINTING [ $\chi \rho \tilde{\iota} \sigma \mu \alpha$ ] we have received from Jesus ABIDES in us...
    - As we have already noted the ANOINTING speaks of the Holy Spirit...
    - The HELPER [παράκλητος] that Jesus sent to us John 16:7
    - I Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit..."
    - God gives us His Holy Spirit to give us the POWER to take action...
    - When was the last time we experienced God doing something amazing in our lives...
    - We may NEVER have experienced it because we have no power!
    - **Zechariah 4:6 -** "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the LORD."
  - You do not need anyone teach you but as the same anointing teaches you all things!
    - We do NOT need anyone to TEACH us we have THE teacher in us...
    - The ANOINTING [χρῖσμα] the Holy Spirit who ABIDES in us He will teach us ALL things!
    - **John 14:26** "The Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."
    - Have you even been talking about Jesus and suddenly remember a verse teaching...
    - That is the ANOINTING the Holy Spirit working in us!
    - Often we get the mistaken idea we are not able to understand the Word...
    - We need to have someone INTERPRET it for us EXPLAIN the Word to us...
    - There are plenty of people who are willing to tell us what the Bible means...
    - But the question is are they RIGHT or is it just their OPINION...
    - God has given each of us His Holy Spirit HE is the one who will TEACH us...
    - We can be absolutely certain that what the Holy Spirit gives us it the truth!
  - And is true and is not a lie and just as it has taught you you will abide in Him!
    - The Holy Spirit is TRUTH He cannot lie He ONLY speaks the TRUTH...
    - **John 16:3** "The Spirit of truth has come He will guide you into all truth."
    - The TRUTH the Holy Spirit TAUGHT [aorist] us is to ABIDE in Jesus...
    - **John 15:26** "When... the Spirit of truth [comes]... He will testify of Me."
    - Some church today have unusual practices they say come from the Spirit...
    - Where people lay hands on each other and are slain in the Spirit fall over...
    - I have even heard of churches where people bark like dogs in the Spirit!
    - We are left to wonder if these things are really from the Spirit of God...
    - While it is true the Holy Spirit does gift us GIFTS I Corinthians 12-14
    - WHAT those gifts are very clearly defined prophecy miracles healing...
    - As well as HOW they are to be used in the church I Corinthians 14:40
    - Most importantly everything the Spirit does ALWAYS points to Jesus!
- o 5<sup>th</sup> The confidence... vs. 28
  - And now little children abide in Him!

- Little Children [τεκνίον] 7x in this letter someone who is NEW to the FAITH...
- ABIDE [μένω] in Jesus this is not a suggestion it is a COMMAND [imperative]
- There are not many commands in I John less than TEN...
- Yet for the SECOND time in this passage we are COMMANDED to ABIDE!
- When He appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming!
  - We MUST abide in Jesus so that we can be [subjunctive] CONFIDENT and not ASHAMED!
  - Jesus gave the parable of the TALENT **Luke 19:11-27**
  - The Master gave TALENTS to each of His servants and went away for a LONG time...
  - When we returned He demanded to know what they had done with their TALENTS...
  - TWO of the servants had used their TALENTS wisely and were CONFIDENT...
  - ONE of the servants was not WISE and he was ASHAMED when the Master appeared!
  - Luke 19:21 "I was afraid because you are a hard man..." [NLT]
  - If Jesus came back TODAY how would we REACT...
  - Would we be CONFIDENT exciting to see Him because are living for Him...
  - Or ASHAMED embarrassed because we know have not!
  - If we are ABIDING in Jesus then we can be CONFIDENT we are using are TALENTS wisely!
- o 6<sup>th</sup> The Evidence... vs. 29
  - If you know that He is righteous you know that everyone...
  - Who practices righteousness is born of Him!
  - If we can SEE [subjunctive] that Jesus is RIGHTEOUS He is the standard of being GOOD...
  - Then we will SEE [indicative] that everyone who is RIGHTEOUS is BORN from Him!
  - It has been said the Apple does not fall that far from the tree...
  - You can SEE what family a person comes from by how they act!
  - The PROOF that we are ABIDING in Jesus EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit...
  - Is the GOOD works that come from our life so that look just like Jesus Christ...
  - We become a LIGHT in a dark world just as Jesus is the LIGHT of the world!