

The Epistles of John

Week 31: 1 John 2:22-28

It has been the last hour since the Son of God invaded the evil one's domain and dealt him a death blow in the cross and resurrection.

1 John 2:22-28

1 John 2:22–23 (ESV)

*Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?
This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the
Son.*

*No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever
confesses the Son has the Father also.*

1 John 2:22-28

In these verses we see references to antichrists and also The Antichrist.

We can imply that whoever THE Antichrist is, he/she will deny that Jesus is the Christ.

In addition, from this passage we can also imply that The Antichrist will not be purely secular, but will have a spiritual component.

1 John 2:22-28

1 John 2:24–25 (ESV)

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.

And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

1 John 2:22-28

There is a connection between the abiding of the message in them and the abiding of the anointing from verse 21 and again in verse 27. Both are continuous following their reception by the believer. The two work together as the Christian stays in communion with both the Father and the Son.

1 John 2:22-28

Abide includes the meaning remain and dwell. It is used 3 times in vs 24.

1 John 2:22-28

1 John 2:26–27 (ESV)

I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

*But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and **you have no need that anyone should teach you.** But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.*

1 John 2:22-28

In verse 27 It seems odd that John, given the didactic nature of this epistle, would say to the community that *“you do not need anyone to teach you.”* John is not denying the importance and place of human teachers. The mere fact that he wrote this letter is sufficient proof. This claim that they have no need of someone to teach them echoes the promises that Jesus made in the Gospel that the Paraclete would lead them into all truth (John 14:16–17, 26; 16:13).

1 John 2:2-28

It is also possible that John is making this declaration in an extreme form to give intensity to his statements about the power that is available to the believer through the anointing.

To abide or dwell in Jesus is only possible when there is an intimate relationship with the Father through the Son (vv. 22–24), a reality possible only for those who have a proper understanding of the person and work of Jesus Christ, whose ethics are shaped by that understanding (John 8:31-32), and who have received the anointing that is an assurance of their remaining in the truth.

1 John 2:22-28

1 John 2:28 (ESV)

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

Application for This Week

John wants us to be encouraged by knowing that by the appearance of antichrists, we can know that the kingdom has begun and that a battle is raging, but that the end is known.

We have received an anointing asked for by Jesus, granted by the Father, and which results in the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, teaching us and empowering us for all we encounter, even the deceivers.

John seems to think this anointing of the Holy Spirit is a pretty big deal, and something we often forget or undervalue.

Homework

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