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1 John 2:22-27

TRIBE-9

= a close-knit community with shared identity

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

1 John 2:24-25

INTRODUCTION

A DIRECTING TEACHER 2:22-27

1 John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

- this verse is the theme of First John, and we are reminded of it in tonight's passage
- this morning, in **verse 19**, John told us people would leave the church because they abandoned the **doctrine** of the church
- tonight, John is going to show us our directing teacher and tell us how to keep from being part of the crowd in **verse 19**
- in our modern world, many things carry the label of 'Christian'...but are they really?

books, music, TV, actors, speakers, athletes

- John moves the starting line back to help us identify true Christianity:

verse 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

cf **Matthew 16:13-18** who do men say I am

1. A DENIAL OF CHRIST **verses 22-23**

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

LIAR LIAR, PANTS ON FIRE

to lie = to make an untrue statement
with intent to deceive

this was strong language then and it is strong
language now

satan is the father of lies **John 8:44**

according to John, the greatest lie is teaching that
Jesus is not the Son of God

cf **1 John 4:3, 15**

LEADERS OF THE MOVEMENT

Jehovah's Witnesses believe Jesus was a created
being...they believe He is the Son of God, but He is
not equal with God

Mormons believe Jesus was conceived when God
impregnated Mary...He was premortal, meaning He
existed before as a spirit but was chosen to redeem
mankind...He and lucifer are spirit brothers

Islam teaches that Jesus was one of many
prophets sent by allah

BTW: Rick Warren believes allah and God are
the same God with different names

others see Jesus as one of many ways to Heaven

*The Jesus of Nazareth who came forward publicly as the
Messiah, who preached the ethic of the kingdom of God,
who founded the kingdom of heaven upon earth and died
to give his work its final consecration never existed.*

~ Albert Schweitzer
Quest For The Historical Jesus

The Apostle Paul had something to say about these false teachers:

Romans 16:17-18

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

2. A DEPENDENCE ON THE WORD vs 24-26

A CYCLICAL PATTERN **verse 24**

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

if **THAT** abides = *which ye have heard*

the Word of God

1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

cf **1 Corinthians 15:3** ...which I also received

after over 60 years, John is still teaching and preaching the same things concerning Jesus and His ministry

abides = remain, continue, 'to continue
in right fellowship

so many have been led astray because they
do not remain in right fellowship

1 John 2:6, 10, 14, 17, 19, 27, 28

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

verse 13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

verse 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

A COMPELLING PROMISE verse 25

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

in conjunction with abiding in the Word, John ties this together with eternal life

so many believe that **ONE DAY** they will live together with God

but the truth is that we are **ALREADY** living the eternal life promised to us

John 10:10 ...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

by comparison, people in hell *exist*, but they do not have eternal *life*

Job 19:25-27

John 10:27-30

Romans 8:33-39

A CRAFTY PRACTICE verse 26

These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

seduce = to persuade to disobedience;
to lead astray; cause to wander

this is ALWAYS used in the negative

Mark 13:22

For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect.

Revelation 2:20 Thyatira

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

they allowed it under the guise of tolerance

3. A DIRECTING OF THE SPIRIT verse 27

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

A GUIDANCE FROM ABOVE

compare **verse 20** unction

in the OT, people were anointed for a particular service...then they were filled with the Spirit and enable to do that service

Exodus 28:41 the priests anointed

1 Samul 15:1 Saul anointed

16:14 the spirit departed

Jesus was always filled with the Spirit of God, but at His baptism, the Spirit descended and anointed Him for service

Matthew 3:16-17 (4:1)

for us, the Spirit guides us in all truth, so that we do not have to rely on anyone else for truth

Ephesians 4:11-12

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Romans 12:7 the gift of teaching for the church

GUARANTEE FROM WITHIN

just as this anointing abides within us, we are expected to abide in the Spirit, too

Galatians 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

verse 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

...even as it hath taught you

how? we have to be close enough to be taught, so we have to be close enough to live

verse 28a Little children...