

1 John

Chapter 2, Verses 15-29

Review

- **General Introduction**
 - One of the five Johannine books
 - All written around the end of the First Century
 - All traditionally associated with the Apostle John
 - A Jewish fisherman
 - One of The Twelve
 - Probably the “beloved disciple” of John’s Gospel
 - One of the three Johannine Letters
 - 1 John is even less like a letter than is Hebrews

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- Alfred Plummer (a 19th Century commentator) described 1 John as a sermon which takes the Gospel of John as its text.
- Certainly there are many commonalities between the two.
- Whether it is a sermon or a letter or some other form of writing, 1 John is unmistakably an “exhortation” directed to a group of Christian believers by someone who understands himself to have substantial pastoral authority.

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- **General Introduction**

- Clearly this exhortation is spoken into a community of Christian believers who have problems:
 - Doctrinal
 - Moral
 - Social
- We cannot be certain which particular problems they faced, beyond what is written the text itself and, for the most part, in this class, we will not try to look behind the text.

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- **General Introduction**
 - Instead we will listen to the text speaking to us about the church in our time, which is really the same time, the end times, into which John wrote.

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- **Chapter 1**

- The author begins by identifying himself as one among the Apostles who had seen, heard, and touched Jesus Christ during his time among men on earth. **(1:1-2)**
- He addresses himself to Christians with an eye to preserving them in joyful fellowship with the Apostles and, therefore, with God the Father and Son. **(1:3-4)**

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- **Chapter 1**

- The Apostles proclaimed the message which they heard from Jesus, that God is perfectly true and perfectly good. **(1:5)**
- Because of his blood shed for them, Jesus' followers are cleansed of all sin and, therefore, they are willing and able to behave in accordance with God's character. **(1:6-7)**
- Not perfectly, of course, all Christians including Apostles have sins, but when we confess our sins, he forgives us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **(1: 8-10)**

Review (Previous Lesson)

- **Chapter 2**

- John's reason for writing is two-fold: to encourage Christians not to sin and to reassure Christians that Jesus has atoned for their sins. **(2:1-2)**
- That they truly are Christians is seen in their obedience to the commandments of Christ. Such obedience perfects their love of God and causes them to live lives that resemble the life of Christ. **(2:3-6)**

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- In writing these things John adds nothing to what they have heard since they first became Christians. **(2:7)**
- But the message which they have heard since becoming Christians is new --- it announces the passing away of the darkness and the new light which is already shining. **(2:8)**
- In the light of Christ, hatred is not possible. To be Christian is to abandon hatred. To hang on to hatred is to remain in the darkness apart from Christ. **(2:9-11)**

Review (Previous Lesson)

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 - This message speaks to all Christians, old and young, simply because of their relationship with God through Christ, and not because of their maturity or their youth. **(2:12-14)**

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- Because such love is inconsistent with who they are.

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 - By the world he apparently means the human race under the dominion of Satan characterized by its unholy love of things in the world in opposition to the will of God.

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- Our sinful desires are from the world.
- So too, in some sense, are the objects our sinful desires.

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- Life is found in God and not in the things of the world.

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2:23御子を否定する者は父を持たず、御子を告白する者は、また父をも持つのである。

2:24初めから聞いたことが、あなたがたのうちに、とどまるようにしなさい。初めから聞いたことが、あなたがたのうちにとどまっておれば、あなたがたも御子と父とのうちに、とどまることになる。

2:25これが、彼自らわたしたちに約束された約束であって、すなわち、永遠のいのちである。

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2:26 わたしは、あなたがたを惑わす者たちについて、これらのことを書きおくれた。

2:27 あなたがたのうちには、キリストからいただいた油がとどまっているので、だれにも教えてもらう必要はない。この油が、すべてのことをあなたがたに教える。それはまことであって、偽りではないから、その油が教えたように、あなたがたは彼のうちにとどまっていなさい。

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²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

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²⁴ 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.

²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us---eternal life.

²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

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- He now tells them that the end time has come.

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- Previously they have been taught that antichrist is coming, in the last hour.

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- However similar ideas are found elsewhere (2 Th. 2:3 ff; Mk. 13:14, Jude 18)

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- For Christians, the last hour is a very good thing!

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- This is proven by the fact that they did not persevere,

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- I read this to mean that their departure was arranged by God for the benefit of the Christians who remained.

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- All who abide in him, demonstrate that they have an **anointing** from God and have been **taught by God**.

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- I read this to mean that John expects the church to recognize a liar when they see one.

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- No part of what they teach, therefore, can be relied upon.

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- According to John, anyone who claims to have a relationship with God while denying Christ, deceives himself.

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- Conversely there is nothing more than a confession of Jesus Christ that one needs to have a relationship with God.

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- So all that the church needs to do, is abide in its simple confession of Jesus Christ.

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- What Jesus promised was eternal life --- meaning not just life everlasting, but a perfect resurrection life, such as the life that God has!

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- So, in other words, the church should stick with what they already know and ignore those “antichrists” who went out from them and are now trying to deceive them, possibly in several respects.

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- John obviously thought they needed this reminder, or he would not have written it.

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- But what John is counting on is their anointing, which is true and permanent, and which makes his words effective.

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- It has cause them to abide thus far, and it will cause them to abide until the end. And that is why he writes to them.

1 John 2:28-29

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²⁸ 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.

²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

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- Let us be the latter!

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- The idea is that when Christ comes, those who practice righteousness will welcome him, because he has made them to be his own.

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- The unrighteous will shrink from him in shame at his coming (2:28) or, worse, will not even know that he is righteous and they unrighteous.