



1 John: Awakened to Love
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Key Verses: 1 John 2:18-3:10

Key Thought: Remaining in Christ is our antidote which counteracts the poison of anti-Christian teachings and sinful behaviors in our lives.

Points to Consider:

- The “antichrists” were people who had appeared to be a part of the church but were now denying that Jesus was the Christ, the divine savior.
- There is opposition to Christ in every generation. → So we must remain in Christ and not conform to the “world.”
- The indwelling and the teaching of the Holy Spirit lead us to remain in Christ.
- That we are indeed remaining in Christ is validated by an experience of purification, or freedom from past enslavement to sin. (See also Galatians 5:16-17.) By contrast, NOT remaining in Christ is evidenced by a refusal to repent and receive healing.
- God has loved us and made us his children. Embracing our identity as beloved children helps us to remain in Christ.

Discussion Prompts:

- What forces (whether implicit or explicit) oppose Christ in your life?
- Discuss what it means and why it is important to “remain” in Christ.
- Describe your experience of the Holy Spirit’s indwelling and teaching you.
- What is your sense of God’s love for you?
- Can you share an experience of “purification”? Where do you need “purification”?