

How We Know...We Remain

Easter Sunday WFR WC 4-5-25

INTRODUCTION

- A. Baby Blessing: Johanna & Cecelio [John & Paula]
(Cassandra-Cassie & Issabella-Izzy)
- B. Opening & Welcome (Happy Mother's Day)

Scripture Reader: Aura Valle (5th Grader, just back from Nicaragua. Daughter of Esteban and Iris)

1 John 4:13 *We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.*

- C. Last Week's Sr. Sunday
 - 1. Love/Appreciation for the Seniors (Benjamin Barker testimony)
 - 2. Love/Appreciation for Spencer & Ashley (Sermon)
- I. **Who and What You Know Determines Obedience (1 John 2:3-11)**
 - A. We Know Jesus (Who)
 - B. We Know Truth (What)
 - C. Being in the light of Jesus' truth brings clarity & illuminates a path for us to walk in.

II. Why You Know Determines Length of Relationships (1 John 2:12-17)

A. Temporary or Eternal (Clear Choice)

1. Earthly family is chosen for you
2. Forever family is chosen by you

B. Families built for Forever (2:12-14)

1. Children-Young Adults-Parents/Grandparents
2. Forgiveness-Faith-Overcoming Evil

C. Temporary Friendship vs Forever Family

1 John 2:15-17 *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*

1. The story of the lost son in Luke 15 (Shame)
2. Also, the story of the older son in Luke 15 (Grace)
3. AHA Moments (Awareness-Humility-Action)

David's Psalm 70: *Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, LORD, to help me. May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace. May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame. But may all who seek you rejoice and be*

glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"

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Phyllis' Book About Dad and Her Life: *I Never Knew*.....

**III. How You Know You Remain/Abide In Christ
(1 John 2:18-27)**

¹⁸Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. ¹⁹They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

²⁰But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. ²¹I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. ²²Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. ²³No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

²⁴As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

²⁶I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. ²⁷As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

A. Acknowledge The Arrival of God in Flesh

1. **Logos** (Word)-**Christos** (Messiah)-**Sarki** (Flesh)
 2. Some reasons to accept & acknowledge:
 - a. Fulfillment of all Jewish Prophecy & Law
 - b. Redemption of fallen/sinful man (Garden)
 - c. Builder of a Permanent Temple
 - d. Permanent High Priest for all people
 - e. Bringer of Heaven to Earth & Earth to Heaven
 - f. John 14-16 When I leave, I will send....
- B. Accept the Anointing of the Holy Spirit
1. **Charisma** (anointing) of the **Pneuma** (Spirit)
 2. Some reasons to accept:
 - a. Guide (Keep in Step Gal. 5:25)
 - b. Teacher/Counselor/Voice to Conscience
 - c. Intercessor to the Trinity (Rom. 5:26)
 - d. Fruit Bearer (Gal. 5:22)
 - e. Rom. 8 The mind controlled by the Spirit is not controlled by the flesh, but testifies....
- C. Abide by Remaining

1. **Meno** (To remain or abide) (4x in this text)
2. We can't miss Jesus (Arrival) & His Spirit (Anointing) or we miss everything!

John 15:5 *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

- a. We must Accept Him
- b. We must Answer Him
- c. We Must Acknowledge Him
- d. We must not be Ashamed of Him

John 5:37-40 *And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.*

CONCLUSION (Praise band back up front)

- A. **Call for Clip:** A Lifetime Movie: Faith & Forgiveness-A Duck Dynasty Love Story
After Clip: Put up Slide of Movie Artwork
- B. Circle of Truth: Who, What, Why and How We Can KNOW!

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