

**Evidence for Assurance
Continuing in the Lord
1 John 2:18-27**

Today we are continuing with the EIGHTH and final one of these signs...

“CONTINUING IN THE LORD”



1 John 5:13 (ESV) — I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

As we come to this last “EVIDENCE FOR ASSURANCE” we are faced with a dilemma regarding the NT stance on salvation...

The NT teaching is very clear...

Matthew 24:13 (ESV) — But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Philippians 1:6 (ESV) — And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

What do the true believers have in common that keep them enduring to the end?

1. We RECOGNIZE the ACTIVITY of SATAN

1 John 2:18 (ESV) — Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.

Children...

This word is not referring to age, but refers to a person of any age for whom there is a special relationship of endearment and association—‘my child, my dear friend, my dear man, my dear one, my dear lad.’

“... it is the last hour...”

What John means is not time as it is reckoned sequentially, time as it tick-tocks off the clock second by second, but rather an epoch of time.

Luther adds the interesting point that here John uses the phrase “the last hour” not because of the shortness of time but because of the nature of the teaching. The doctrine of the person and work of Christ is God’s final word to us (Hebrews 1:1, 2).

Hebrews 1:1–2 (ESV) — Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

The LIFE, DEATH, RESURRECTION, and ASCENSION is God's final epoch before Jesus' RETURN, JUDGMENT, and NEW HEAVEN & EARTH when He makes all things new!

During this time Satan's activity through his agents whom John calls "antichrists" will be on the increase...

1 Timothy 4:1 (ESV) — Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,

How do we recognize these antichrists?

*→ **Pic – Agents of Antichrist***

Recognizing the Agents of Antichrist

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1 John 2:26 (ESV) — I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

1. We RECOGNIZE the ACTIVITY of SATAN

2. We RELY on the AUTHORITY of SCRIPTURE

1 John 2:19 (ESV) — They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

In reference to Scripture, what is it that we are referring?

Ephesians 2:19b–21 (ESV) — ... But you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Scripture are those writings penned by the Old Testament Prophets and the New Testament Apostles through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV) — 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The Scriptures are also referred to as "The Faith" or the truths we have been given by God to believe...

Jude 3 (ESV) — Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

Relying on the Authority of Scripture means whatever the Scripture says is TRUTH!

When Jesus was praying for us before His crucifixion He asked the Father to sanctify His followers in TRUTH...

John 17:17 (ESV) — Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

NOTICE → Jesus didn't say, "...Your word is TRUE"

Nor did Jesus say, "Your word contains the TRUTH"

Jesus said, "Your Word is TRUTH!"

1 John 2:21–23 (ESV) — 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22 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. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

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3. We REST in the ANOINTING of the SPIRIT

1 John 2:20 (ESV) — But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.

To Anoint...

Our anointing signifies two things...

Our Alignment with the Lord

Our Appointment from the Lord

χρίω; χρίσμα, τοσ η:

(figurative extensions of meaning of χρίω and χρίσμα 'to anoint,' not occurring in the NT) **to assign a person to a task, with the implication of supernatural sanctions, blessing, and endowment**—'to anoint, to assign, to appoint, assignment, appointment.'

χρίω: πνεῦμα κυρίου ἐπ' ἐμέ, οὗ εἵνεκεν ἔχρισέν με εὐαγγελίσασθαι πτωχοῖς 'the Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has appointed me to preach the good news to the poor' Lk 4:18.
χρίσμα: ὑμεῖς χρίσμα ἔχετε ἀπὸ τοῦ ἁγίου 'you have been anointed by the Holy (Spirit)' 1 Jn 2:20.

It is rare that one can employ a literal rendering of χρίω or χρίσμα in such contexts as Lk 4:18 and 1 Jn 2:20, since 'to pour oil upon someone' as a means of conveying a supernatural blessing and endowment for a task is culturally very rare. A strictly literal rendering of χρίω or χρίσμα as 'to pour oil upon' is likely to be interpreted either as an insult or as an event preparatory to setting a person on fire and thus to destroy or to torture. Accordingly, in place of a literal rendering of χρίω or χρίσμα, it is often necessary to employ some such expression as 'to be appointed by God' or 'to be given a special task by God.'

This word, “anointing” is an interesting and strategic word used here...

The word is “chrisis” which is where the word christening comes from...

It also has the same root as Christ and Antichrist...

Christ Jesus is the Anointed One

The Antichrist is the non-anointed one or ones

Christians are Anointed the Jesus

1 John 2:27 (ESV) — 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.

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4. We REMAIN through our ABIDING in the SON

1 John 2:24–25 (ESV) — 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.

To Abide...

μένω^a; ἐμμένω^a; ἐπιμένω^a; καταμένω:
to remain in the same place over a period of time—‘to remain, to stay.’

μένω^a: ἐκεῖ μένετε ἕως ἂν ἐξέλθητε ἐκεῖθεν ‘stay there until you leave that place’ Mk 6:10; ἐὰν μὴ οὗτοι μείνωσιν ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ ‘if these (sailors) don’t stay on the ship’ Ac 27:31. ἐμμένω^a:

ἐνέμεινεν δὲ διετίαν ὅλην ἐν ἰδίῳ μισθώματι ‘for two full years he stayed in a place he rented for himself’ Ac 28:30.

ἐπιμένω^a: ἐπιμενῶ δὲ ἐν Ἐφέσῳ ‘but I will stay (here) in Ephesus’ 1 Cor 16:8.

καταμένω: οὗ ἦσαν καταμένοντες ‘(the room) where they were staying’ Ac 1:13.

Our ANOINTING has to do with our ALIGNMENT with the Lord...

Our ABIDING has to do with our ALLEGIANCE to the Lord...

This word, “ABIDE/ABIDING” occurs 44 times in the New Testament and all but FOUR were penned through John!

What are we “ABIDING” in when we Abide in Jesus?

→ Pic – Abiding in Jesus

Abiding in Jesus

- 1. In His Word - Jn 8:31**
- 2. In His Power- Jn 15:5**
- 3. In His Love- Jn 15:9-10**
- 4. In His Authority- Jn 15:11**
- 5. In His Character- 1Jn 2:6**
- 6. In His Light- 1Jn 2:10**
- 7. In His Anointing- 1Jn 2:27**
- 8. In His Purity- 1Jn 3:6**
- 9. In His Truth- 2Jn 1:2**

John 15:5 (ESV) — I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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The Father _____ you just _____ you are, right _____
you are, but _____ you _____ much to _____ you there!

1. We _____ the _____ of _____

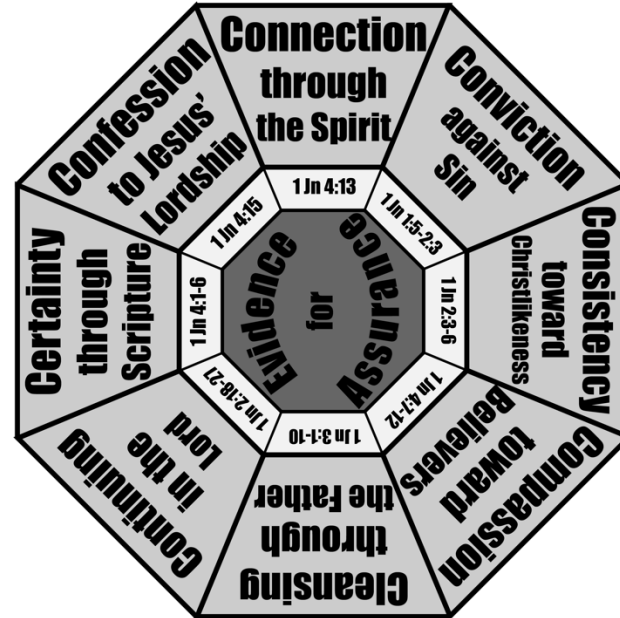
2. We _____ on the _____ of _____

3. We _____ in the _____ of the _____

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Crossgates, AM Worship

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