

THE FATHER HEART OF GOD

Real Christians

1 JOHN #5

Text: 1 John 2:18–27

*Let what you heard
from the beginning
abide in you.*

1 JOHN 2:24

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BIG IDEA

Real Christians do not just claim Jesus. They continue with Jesus.

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KEY TRUTHS

- John warns that the last hour is marked by deception.
- Antichrists reveal themselves by departing from the truth about Jesus.
- Not everyone who starts with the church stays with Christ.
- Real faith continues, abides, and remains rooted in the gospel.
- The Holy Spirit helps believers discern truth from error.

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MAIN EMPHASIS

- Counterfeit Christianity may talk about Jesus but deny who He is.
- To deny the Son is to reject the Father.
- True believers must let the original gospel remain in them.
- The anointing of the Holy Spirit teaches and steadies believers.
- Abiding in Christ produces confidence, not confusion.

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Do not follow every voice that sounds spiritual.
- Test teaching by the truth of Jesus Christ.
- Stay planted in Scripture and in the fellowship of believers.
- Refuse drift, compromise, and spiritual imitation.
- Remain in Christ so you can stand with confidence at His coming.



KEY APPLICATION / CALL
REJECT COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANITY.
ABIDE IN JESUS.
STAND IN THE TRUTH.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What marks the difference between a real Christian and a counterfeit one?
2. Where do you need stronger discernment in what you are listening to?
3. What helps you keep abiding in Christ when culture pulls the other way?
4. What is one step you can take this week to stay rooted in the truth?

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PRAYER FOCUS

*Father, keep us from deception and anchor us in Your truth. Help us abide in Jesus, listen to the Holy Spirit, and remain faithful to the gospel. Give us discernment, courage, and confidence in Christ.
In Jesus' name, amen.*

— WE ABIDE IN CHRIST. WE WALK IN TRUTH. WE STAND WITH CONFIDENCE. —