

1 John 2:18-24  
Guarding the Gospel and Abiding in Christ

**What is meant in referring to antichrist(s)? (vs. 18 & 22)**

This word is \_\_\_\_\_ used in John's writings.

The word Antichrist refers to those \_\_\_\_\_ to the true teaching about Jesus Christ.

**What does it mean that believers have been anointed? (vs. 20 & 27)**

Anointed means that as Christians we have \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit... "who comes to teach believers and to guide them into all truth" (NIC p.153).

2 Corinthians 1:21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,

The Holy One who anoints the believer is \_\_\_\_\_.

**What do believers know? (vs. 20-21 & 27)**

Believers know and \_\_\_\_\_ the truth about Jesus Christ.

We understand the truth of scripture by the help of the Holy Spirit. But, we do not receive the teaching of the Holy Spirit apart from the Word of God. Our knowledge of God is tied to our knowledge of the word of God.

The truth is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word of God.

Believers know the \_\_\_\_\_ and establish their life on it.

**Why does confessing the son mean you also have the father? (vs. 23-24)**

You cannot come to God apart from \_\_\_\_\_.

All who are opposed to the truth about Jesus are "\_\_\_\_\_"

### **What have they heard from the beginning?**

That Jesus saves! They have \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God, not the words or opinions of man, but the proclaimed gospel given through Jesus Christ.

See Romans 10:9–15

### **How do believers practice righteousness?**

Believers give evidence of the saving work of Christ and His imputed righteousness through \_\_\_\_\_ of faith and trust in God.

### **What is meant by being born of him?**

Regeneration is God \_\_\_\_\_ through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Born again is not turning over a new life, it's being made \_\_\_\_\_ and given \_\_\_\_\_ life through Christ.

### **Application for Living:**

We guard the gospel and we abide in Christ.

1. Guard the Gospel (protect against heresy and false teaching) through the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of God.
2. Guard the Gospel by constantly \_\_\_\_\_ to and \_\_\_\_\_ the teaching we received when we followed Christ.
3. Guard the Gospel by admitting that we are \_\_\_\_\_ to the false teaching of Christ and being on our guard.
4. Guard the Gospel by \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith and \_\_\_\_\_ for faithfulness to the person and message of Christ.
5. Guard the Gospel by \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness.
6. Abiding in Christ means to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him by \_\_\_\_\_ to follow His ways and teachings.