

Firm Foundation Week 4

1 John 2:18–29 (CSB)

“ If I can bring anyone into that hall I shall have done what I attempted. But it is in the rooms, not in the hall, that there are fires and chairs and meals. The hall is a place to wait in, a place from which to try the various doors, not a place to live in...And above all you must be asking which door is the true one; not which pleases you best by its paint and paneling. In plain language, the question should never be: ‘Do I like that kind of service?’ but ‘Are these doctrines true: Is holiness here? Does my conscience move me towards this? Is my reluctance to knock at this door due to my pride, or my mere taste, or my personal dislike of this particular door-keeper?’” – CS Lewis *Mere Christianity*

How can I know I came to this room through the way of Jesus and not some other way?

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¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour. And as you have heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. By this we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. However, they went out so that it might be made clear that none of them belongs to us. ²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. ²¹ I have not written to you because you don’t know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie comes from the truth. ²² Who is the liar, if not the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This one is the antichrist: the one who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father; he who confesses the Son has the Father as well. ²⁴ What you have heard from the beginning is to remain in you. If what you have heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he himself made to us: eternal life. ²⁶ I have written these things to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you don’t need anyone to teach you. Instead, his anointing teaches you about all things and is true and is not a lie; just as it has taught you, remain in him. ²⁸ So now, little children, remain in him so that when he appears we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming. ²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you know this as well: Everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

All end times prophesy is for present day living.

1 John 2:22-23 (CSB)

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What are the fundamental lies:

1. Jesus is not the savior you think he is. – (Christ)
2. You don't have to believe the fundamentals of the Faith. (Father and the Son)
3. It makes no difference what you believe, just as long as you are sincere! (Confession)

How do we guard ourselves from these lies? How do we make sure that we've come to this room through the great hall of Christ?

1. Believe and re-believe the Gospel

1 John 2:24-25 (CSB)

²⁴**What you have heard from the beginning is to remain in you.** If what you have heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise that he himself made to us: eternal life.

2. Remain / Abide in the Father by the Son through the anointing of the Spirit

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3. Look to the way of Jesus

1 John 2:28-29 (CSB)

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