

Firm Foundation—A Study Through 1st John: Gospel

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Our Spiritual Foundation Is Only As Strong As Our Gospel Understanding

1 John 2:18-29 (CSB) *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. 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.*

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 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. 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. No one who denies the Son has the Father; he who confesses the Son has the Father as well.

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. And this is the promise that he himself made to us: eternal life.

I have written these things to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. 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.

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. If you know that he is righteous, you know this as well: Everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

A Strong Gospel Understanding Requires:

- 1. Staying Alert To False Gospels (“Antichrists”)**
- 2. Not Adding Anything To Jesus (“Jesus Plus....”)**
- 3. Not Taking Anything From Jesus (“Jesus Minus....”)**
- 4. Remaining In Jesus (“Abiding”)**