

Open It!

Name a product that comes with a warning label. Is the warning label effective? Why, or why not?

Consider It!

Who is coming and who has already come (2:18)? How does John define an antichrist (2:22)?

What distinguishes a child of God from a person who is against the Christ, the true Son of God (2:19-23)?

Why is being faithful participation in a local church an essential mark of a follower of Jesus (2:19)?

How can we distinguish the truth from a distortion or lie (2:24-27)?

Knowing the truth is the most effective defense against the lies of the evil one. What "anointing" provides us a knowledge of the truth (2:20, 27; 2 Cor 1:21-22; John 16:13-14)?

Who do you listen to regularly? What do you like about them? How do you know they speak the truth?

Why are we more at risk today than John's readers of being influenced by teachers who distort God's word?

Live It!

What does this passage teach that I need to believe?

What does this passage promise that I need to trust?

What does this passage require that I need to obey?

Pray It!

Father, show me where I am engaging in faulty thinking, or making assumptions about a situation or person that are not true. Fill me with the Holy Spirit that I might not be misled. Instead, grant me patience and gentleness when I am susceptible to deceptive thoughts. Help me to sit with your word, be nourished and know what is true. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Peter Scazzero, Emotionally Healthy Relationships Day by Day, page 63

Unleashing the Love of God

Remaining in Christ

1 John 2:18-27

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Sermon Question

What does it mean to remain or abide in Christ?

Abide with Each Other

*If they had belonged to us, they would have **remained** with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.*

1 John 2:19 (NIV)

Abide in God's Word

*See that what you have heard from the beginning **remains in you**. If it does, **you also will remain** in the Son and in the Father.*

1 John 2:24 (NIV)

Observe what remains in you...
(Psalm 1)

Observe the Results of Abiding in God's Word
Fellowship – 1 John 1:5-7

Freedom - John 8:31-32

Fruitfulness - John 15:7-8

Abide in the Holy Spirit

*As for you, the anointing you received from him **remains in you**, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught **you, remain in him**.*

1 John 2:27 (NIV)

Abide in Christ

*And now, dear children, **continue in him**, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. ²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.*

1 John 2:28–29 (NIV)

Devotional Resource:

Andrew Murray, *Abide in Christ: The Joy of Being in God's Presence*, (New Kensington, PA: Witaker House, 2002)