

# “Abiding Amidst Deception”

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1st John 2:18-29 Study Guide

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## Background and Theme

**Author:** The Apostle John

**Date Written:** 90-92 AD

**Audience:** The global church close to the turn of the first century who was growing, persecuted, and learning to live for Jesus.

**Theme of 1st John:** Walking in the Light

### I. Antichrist

- Antichrist: “other than Christ” or “instead of Christ”
- Reference: Revelation 13:1-10, Daniel 7:8, Daniel 11:36-45

### II. Anointing

III. Anointing: “To be covered in oil” or “smeared with oil”

### III. Abiding

**Verses Referenced:** Acts 2:17-21, Joel 2:28-32, Romans 8:9-11, 2nd Peter 1:3, John 16:12-13, 2nd Timothy 4:3-4, 1st Corinthians 2:10-12, John 14:6

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

- 1. John is honest about the false teachers coming into the church to lead people astray. What are some ways that we can identify false teachers in our world today?
- 2. Can you remember a time when the anointing of the Holy Spirit on your life gave you discernment about false doctrine or a false teacher? Share and discuss with your life group, family, or friend if able.
- 3. What ways can we practically strengthen our discernment when it comes to false teachers being in the church?
- 4. How are you letting the word abide in you?
- 5. What ways are you abiding in Jesus and letting Him help you walk in this world, discerning right from wrong and good from evil?

This week, re-read 1st John 2:18-29 and pray through the truths you find while reading. Find someone to discuss these chapters with, and share the word with someone you don't know as well.

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