

ANOINTED

Abide 08

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Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:20-27

*I write these things to you about those who are trying to **deceive you** (1 John 2:26).*

¹⁸ *Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.* ¹⁹ *They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us (1 John 2:18–19).*

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Anoint – To set apart for divine use.

I. The Anointed

God **anointed Jesus** of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit** and with **power**. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for **God was with him** (Acts 10:38).

³² *And John bore witness: "I saw **the Spirit descend from heaven** like a dove, and it **remained on him**.* ³³ *I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see **the Spirit descend and remain**, this is **he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit**.'* ³⁴ *And I have seen and have borne witness that this is **the Son of God**" (John 1:32–34).*

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Principle: The aim of anointing is to give the recipient power, strength and understanding.

Principle: We have been and are being anointed by the Anointed.

*Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by **the Spirit whom he has given us** (1 John 3:24).*

Question: What is this anointing in our lives?

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and **he will give you another Helper**, to be **with you forever**, ¹⁷ even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, **for he dwells with you and will be in you** (John 14:15–17).

*I write to you, not because **you do not know the truth**, but because **you know it** (1 John 1:21).*

Question: Who are you going to believe?

II. Remember How Easy it is to be Deceived

*Who is **the liar** but he who **denies that Jesus is the Christ**? This is **the antichrist**, he who denies the **Father** and the **Son**. ²³ No one **who denies the Son** has the Father. (1 John 2:22-23).*

III. We Must Determine Truth as It is in the Mind of God

A. Our understanding of truth is often the only truth that matters.

B. We often glorify our ‘truths’ to the judgment and detriment of others.

Principle: Truth is not found in one’s interpretation.

Truth is found in Jesus Christ.

*Jesus said to him, “I am **the way**, and **the truth**, and **the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).*

IV. What is Truth?

²⁴ Let what you **heard from the beginning** abide in you. If what you **heard from the beginning** abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us—**eternal life** (1 John 2:24–25).

*That which was **from the beginning**, which **we have heard**, which **we have seen** with our eyes, which **we looked upon** and **have touched** with our hands, concerning the **word of life**— (1 John 1:1).*

Principle: Truth is discovered in the Anointed One.

*And this is his commandment, that we **believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ** and **love one another**, just as he has commanded us (1 John 3:23).*

V. Our Anointing

*But the anointing **that you received** from him **abides in you**, and **you have no need that anyone should teach you**. But as **his anointing teaches you** about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, **abide in him** (1 John 2:27).*

*But you are not to be called rabbi, for **you have one teacher**, and you are all brothers. (Matthew 23:8).*

¹³ *By this we know that **we abide in him and he in us**, because he has **given us of his Spirit**.*

¹⁴ *And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, **God abides in him**, and **he in God**.*

¹⁶ *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. **God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him** (1 John 4:13–16).*

*but **whoever keeps his word**, in him truly the **love of God is perfected**... (1 John 2:5).*

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