

Abiding

1 John 2:24-29

Introduction: John said, **“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”**

Earlier John had been discussing false teachers, identifying them as antichrists. Now he is about to emphasize the need to abide in the Son and in the Father as an alternative.

I. The Concept Of Abiding.

- A. The word translated as **“abide”** is MENO.
 - 1. Strong: *“to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy).”*
 - 2. Woods says, *“means to settle down and dwell, as in one’s permanent home.”*
- B. It is sometimes translated as:
 - 1. **“Continue” (Jn. 8:31, KJV).**
 - 2. **“Dwell” (1 Jn. 3:24, KJV).**
 - 3. **“Endure” (1 Peter 1:25).**
- C. These Christians were to abide in **“what you have heard from the beginning” (v. 24).**
 - 1. That would be the truth **(Col. 1:5-6).**
 - 2. Jesus was in the flesh **(Jn. 1:14).**
 - 3. Jesus was the Christ **(Matt. 16:16).**
- D. Contrast to those who go beyond **(2 Jn. 9).**

II. The Promise Of Eternal Life.

- A. What we learn from this verse **(v. 25).**
 - 1. Eternal life is a promise.
 - 2. Promised conditioned on abiding.
 - 3. What about eternal life now?
 - a. Passage like **John 5:24** seems to suggest this.
 - b. However, we are **“in hope of eternal life” (Titus 1:2).**
 - c. One does not hope for what one has **(Rom. 8:24-25).**
- B. Promised to those who abide faithfully **(Jn. 17:1-3).**

III. Some Will Attempt To Seduce You.

- A.** Being prepared to resist (**v. 26**).
 - 1.** Perhaps these antichrists.
 - 2.** Or, by extension, any other (**cf. Acts 20:30**).
 - a.** Seduction employs temptation and deception.
 - b.** Must be grounded in truth to resist.
- B.** The teaching of inspired apostles is what will make the difference (**v. 27**).

IV. Confidence.

- A.** Tender exhortation to “**little children**” (**vv. 2:1, 18, 24**).
- B.** Confidence is placed against being ashamed.
 - 1.** Confidence means boldness, freedom of speech.
 - 2.** Ashamed means to shrink back.
- C.** Righteousness is right-doing (**v. 29**).
 - 1.** God is righteous (**Psa. 7:9**).
 - 2.** His children are righteous (**1 Jn. 3:7**).

Conclusion: Are you abiding in Christ and in the Father? Your obedience to the gospel will prove that you are.