# THE FIRST JOHN STUDY

**CHAPTER 2:25-27** 

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

# "A Life Worth More than Living"

#### THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

#### 1 John 1:3

"that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

### **TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:**

# The Christian Life, Assurance, Salvation

The Books of I, II, & III John are Epistles written Exclusively to the Believer.

# They are, in Fact, Epistles of Fellowship!

And There is a **Purpose for Our Fellowship** it's Personal (a joyful life)

#### 1 John 1:4

And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

# There are Conditions to Our Fellowship

It's Demanding (Not salvation)

#### 1 John 1:6-7a

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another

# And there is Assurance in Our Fellowship

It's Continuous (Revival)

#### 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# For Example, John Boldly Announces That Our Fellowship is *Factual*

1 John 1:3a "that which we have seen and heard..."

# John Enthusiastically Announces That Our Fellowship is *Open to All*

#### 1 John 1:3b

"we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us"

# And it's with Wonderment that John Say's Our Fellowship is **with God!**

### 1 John 1:3c

"and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

# Because of This Fellowship with God and His People Paul Declare "I have been persuaded"

#### **Romans 8:38-39**

For I am persuaded (it's happened already) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# All This, God wants us to <u>Understand to His Glory</u> and for us to <u>Practice for our Growth</u>

# Because Since 1 John 2:18 John Has Been Warning Us That There Are Enemies of God

#### I John 2:18

Little children (pad-ee-ons – ones needing to grow more), it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

# "antichrist & Antichrist"

# It is Both a General Spirit of Antichrist-ism and the Personification of that Spirit – Antichrist, The Man

## Philippians 3:18

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

# So, In Our Previous Study

we saw that this spirit of antichrist "slithers" in and out of church

#### I John 2:19

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 they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

# Paul Warned Us About Them

#### Acts 20:29-31 NIV

I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. <sup>30</sup> Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> So be on your guard!

1.) The Essence of the Gospel is Eternal Life

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And this is the promise that He has promised us-- eternal life.

This is Man's Greatest Quest That He Might Live On

"The Fountian of Youth, Life" *Is man's number one pursuit* 

# If he realizes it or not

Ask Yourself This Question "Why am I Living? - Doing What I'm doing?

What is a Lifestyle (robota)

# The World Without Christ is fatalistic and best

1a.) Eternal Life was Promised by Jesus Christ

## Verse 25

# The Message of Jesus' Then and Now

#### John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

### John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. <sup>26</sup> "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

### John 3:36a

"He who believes (keeps on) in the Son has everlasting life..

# Looking Back @

### I John 2:24

Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning **abides** in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

## John 15:4-5

"**Abide** in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in Me <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who **abides** in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

# Abide

## GRK 3306 meno (men'-o);

to stay, to continue, to remain, to run on and on without end

## **Ephesians 1:13-14**

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

# I Am Absolutely Certain

That I will be in heaven. I have no doubts at all.

## BECASUE IT'S JESUS GUARANTEED IT ME

## 1b.) Eternal Life was Provided by Jesus Christ

Verse 25

# The "Everlasting Life" of the Bible is a Life that Endures Forever Beyond times farther reaches

### John 3:15

"that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

#### Romans 6:22

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

### **Hebrews 10:23**

...for He who promised is faithful.

## 2 Timothy 1:9-10

(Jesus) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, <sup>10</sup> but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has **abolished death** and brought **life and immortality** to light through the gospel,

# Why The Cross?

It meant death, it meant shame, it meant judgement IT MEANS SATAN LOST AND SIN WAS REMOVED

#### 2 Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## 1c.) Eternal Life was Powered by Jesus Christ

Verse 25

#### John 10:17-18a

"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup> "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.

#### John 2:19-21

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

## Powered by His Blood

### Acts 20:28b

...it is the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

## From the Beginning

### 1 Peter 1:19-20

but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. <sup>20</sup> He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

### John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

# Full Assurance allows us to cry out in confidence.

# Hebrews 10:22 (Priestly Talk)

let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (the blood of God) and our bodies washed with pure water. (the Word of God)

#### **Galatians 4:6**

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

#### Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

# Can You Tonight Declare

"Jesus is Christ, God is now my Father and Holy Spirit Lives inside Me"

# The Centrality of Christianity is Christ The Centrality of Christ is Life

#### **John 1:4**

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

# The Centrality of My Life is Christ

### John 14:19c-20

...Because I live, you will live also. 20 "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

# Because we do have "A Life Worth More Then Living"

# It Has Its Opponents

2.) The Essence of the Gospel is Under Attack

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These things I have written to you concerning those who **try** to **deceive** you.

## 2a.) Under Attack by Frontal Assaults Publicly

Verse 26

These things I have written to you concerning

### those who try to deceive you.

Deceive GRK 4105 planao (plan-ah'-o);

to get you to roam away from the truth by seduction of any kind or type (whatever it takes)

to search for an opening, to look for an inlet

# The Living Bible I John 2:26

These remarks of mine about the Antichrist are pointed at those who would dearly love to blindfold you and lead you astray.

# The New International Version I John 2:26

I am writing these things to you about those who are **trying** to lead you astray.

# The Old King James I John 2:26

These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

# The Revised Standard Version I John 2:26

I write this to you about those who **would** deceive you;

## 2b.) Under Attack by Subtle Schemes Privately

Verse 26

These things I have written to you concerning

#### 2 Corinthians 2:11

lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

# Our Thought Life

## The mind/soul is ground zero for Satan's attacks

### 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

## 2c.) Under Attack by Multiple Agendas Globally

Verse 26

These things I have written to you concerning

# The Spirit of this World

the worlds problems are escalating

# 3.) The Essences of the Gospel is a Work of the Spirit vv. 27

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

# The Need of the Holy Spirit is Great in Our Day...

# A "Spirit-Filled" Church Rocks Hell

## 3a.) The Holy Spirit is the Authority Over Our Lives

Verse 27

But **the anointing** which you have received from Him **abides in you**, and you do not need that anyone teach you;

#### John 14:16-18

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- <sup>17</sup> "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

### John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

## 3b.) The Holy Spirit is the Guide to Our Lives

## Verse 27

but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you,

# Taught, and is Teaching us to Walk in the Spirit

# 3c.) The Holy Spirit is the Guaranty for Our Lives

Verse 27

you will abide in Him.

# I will abide in Him

#### **Jude 1:24**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

# END OF STUDY