

1 John 2:26-29 ²⁶ *These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. ²⁷ But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. ²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. ²⁹ If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

1. Introduction

a. Bible is the Word of God

- i. Book of God's truth & God's doctrine (teaching)
- ii. Word of God is a lighthouse lamp to Christians

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

- iii. Book of God's admonitions (warnings)

b. God warns of lies from liars, which is the spirit of antichrist

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

2. Warning of Apostle John (verse 26)

a. Theological seduction & source of lies

i. Seduction from Biblical truth

- 1) Seduction: to lead astray, to tempt, to entice to change your heart and/or mind about truth
- 2) Seduction based on lies, not truth

ii. Satan himself questioning God in Garden of Eden

- 1) In Garden of Eden, "Has God said ... ?"

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2) Jesus called the Devil the father of lies

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

3) Seduction can take time over months or years

iii. Demonic world of seducing spirits & demonic doctrines

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

iv. Human teachers & false prophets

1) Men who speak lies & have no conscience anymore

1 Timothy 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

2) False prophets

2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

v. Apostasy

1) Leaving orthodoxy belief – turning away from Bible doctrine

2) Leaving orthopraxy – turning away from moral living or correct behavior – living immoral lifestyle

vi. Historical Greek philosophy of Gnosticism

1) Physical world is flawed and/or evil

2) Only spiritual world / ideal world / ideal Good / metaphysical world good

3) Ideas influenced by Greek philosophy of Plato & possibly Buddhism from India

vii. Historical heresy of “Christian” Gnosticism

1) Denied that Jesus was God come in the flesh

2) Denied Jesus physical resurrection from the dead (taught only a spiritual resurrection)

b. Apostates deny deity of Christ (that Jesus is God)

i. Modern heresies deny basic Christian doctrine

ii. Basic Christian doctrines

- 1) Incarnation of Christ which is Emmanuel "God with us"
- 2) Jesus' deity which means Jesus is God the Son

iii. Denying central Christian doctrine

- 1) Mormonism (LDS): Jesus was simply a man who became a god (not the only God of heaven)
- 2) Islam: Jesus is Mary's son, but He is not the Son of God
- 3) Christian Science beliefs similar to Gnostic beliefs in rejecting Jesus' deity
- 4) Many other groups calling themselves Christian deny that Jesus is God or claim that Jesus is a created being (but not God)

iv. Bible describes heresies against Jesus the Christ

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

- 1) Deceivers deny basic Christian doctrine
- 2) Christian basic doctrine teaches that Jesus:
 - God from eternity past, God now, & God in eternity future
 - Emmanuel "God with us" who was born human of virgin Mary without any human father
 - Lived His human life on earth

c. Apostates deny physical resurrection of Christ

i. Basic Christian doctrine

- 1) Physical body resurrection in His hands & feet, & eating food

Luke 24:36-37 ³⁶ And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. ³⁷ But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. ...

Luke 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. ...

Luke 24:41-42 ⁴¹ And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? ⁴² And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

2) Jesus death, burial, & resurrection

- Died a human death for every person's sins
- Was raised alive from the dead in His human physical body on the third day

3) Resurrection is the miracle of life

ii. Denying central Christian doctrine

1) Christian Science believes that only a spiritual resurrection happened

2) Mormons believe Jesus a mere mortal was resurrected to become one of many in hierarchy of gods

3) Islam believes that Jesus did not die on a cross, but only someone took his place who resembled Him

4) Jehovah Witness believe in only a spiritual resurrection, not a physical resurrection

3. Witness of the Spirit (verse 27)

a. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

i. God gave Christian His Holy Spirit called the Spirit of Truth

John 14:16-17 ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; ¹⁷ Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

ii. Holy Spirit lives inside each Christian

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

iii. Holy Spirit is called an "Anointing" or "Unction"

iv. Holy Spirit guides & teaches all thing to each Christian

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

v. Holy Spirit is the inner witness to the Christian

b. Instruction of the Holy Spirit

i. Holy Spirit convicts all people of sin & teaches Christian

- 1) Christian wants to grow in Christ
- 2) Holy Spirit teaches about good & evil to all people

John 16:8-11 ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

- 3) Holy Spirit teaches Christian about the things of God

1 Corinthians 2:10-11 ¹⁰ But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

- 4) Holy Spirit lifts up Jesus Christ – not Himself

John 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

- 5) Christian can read Bible & Holy Spirit teaches spiritual truth

ii. God's Spirit of Truth

- 1) Jesus gave some Christians to the church to teach them

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

- 2) Warning in Scripture to not believe every spirit, but instead test them

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

- 3) There are two kinds of spirits – Spirit of Truth or spirit of error

1 John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

- 4) God tells the truth, but people tell lies

Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

5) God does not tell lies

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

4. Walk of the Christian (verse 28)

a. Abiding in Christ

i. John call Christian “little children” again

1) Come to Jesus in childlike faith

Ephesian 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2) Jesus called children to Himself because of such is God’s kingdom

Luke 18:16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

ii. Stay connected to Jesus and continue in Him

1) Staying connected with God is being filled with Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

2) Anyone can see when Christian filled with Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

iii. Christian to walk in truth

1) Christian to live a life of truth – not lies

2 John 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, we have received a commandment from the Father.

2) No greater joy than to see Christian living a life of truth

3 John 1:3-4³ For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

3) Walk in the Spirit of Truth

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

b. Expecting Jesus to return again

i. Christian can have full confidence in Jesus' return

1) Jesus will come back to earth again

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

2) Anyone born of God also practices righteousness

ii. Immanence of Jesus' return

1) Immanence means at any time on any minute, hour, day, or year

2) Christian does not know when Jesus returns

3) Christian only needs to always be ready for Jesus to come back

iii. Bema Seat or "judgement seat"

1) In Olympic games in ancient Greece, there was raised 'Bema' platform for judges to hand out sports awards to winners in the games

2) Paul pictured Christian life to running in a race

1 Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

3) Paul speaks of building on the foundation of Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 3:11-12 ¹¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

4) Then Jesus gives rewards to those work on the final day

1 Corinthians 3:13-14 ¹³ Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

5) Christian reward time in heaven

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things one in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

6) Paul looked forward to receiving his Crown of Righteousness

2 Timothy 4: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

5. Conclusion – Application of Truth (verse 29)

- a. Christian does not need to be ashamed when Jesus appears
- b. What does Christian need? Know that God is righteous & to walk in truth