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Don't be Deceived 1 John 2:18-29 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



The end of the second Chapter of 1 John gives us a strong warning against false teachers. John draws a distinction between the people that stay with them and the people that go out from them. Even more important John draws a distinction between teaching the truth and teaching lies. He clearly instructs about the person of Jesus and anyone that denies Jesus as the Son of God does not know the Father. Jesus is the only way to the Father and if someone denies Jesus then they are teaching lies that come from the antichrist. The question for us today is how can we make sure that we are not led astray. There are many teachers in our society that teach many different things. This week we will see that John reminds us that we have an anointing from the Spirit to be our guide. Join us this week as we talk about what the anointing is and how we can follow its guidance and be assured that we are not lead astray and that we receive the promise of life.

² preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:2-5 (NASB)

1 John 2:18-29 (NASB)

¹⁸Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. ²¹I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²²Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. ²³Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.²⁴ As for you, 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.

²⁵This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

²⁶These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

²⁸Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. ²⁹If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

① EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Who or what is an antichrist?

9. What key belief defines the antichrist?

10. How does John say we have connection to the Father?

11. In verse 21 why does John write to his audience? What does this mean? How does this compare with his reason in verse 26?

12. What is the promise from Christ? How do we obtain the promise?

13. Do we need teachers? Contrast verse 27 with Ephesians 4:11-15 and 1 John 4:6.

14. What in this passage seems to address the false teachings John is confronting?

3 EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

15. What other belief systems should our church recognize as truth and what religious systems should we recognize as a lie? (other denominations? Mormonism? Islam?)

16. Are there advantages to working together with people that have other beliefs? Which ones should we be willing to work with?

17. How can we protect our own church body from the false teaching of the antichrist?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes