

sermon notes

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October 04, 2023 | “abiding forever” | **1 John 2:18-27**

Why does God hate love for the world?

- 1) Those who deny Christ _____
(2:19)

- 2) Those who know Christ are _____
(2:20-25)

- 3) Those who abide in the Spirit _____
(2:26-27)

Go Deeper

In 1 John 2:23 we’re told “No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.” Read John 14:5-11. How can a Christian grow a deeper personal relationship with the Father?

In 1 John 2:20 we’re told that true believers are unlike the antichrists because they have relational knowledge of God. Continue reading in John 14, verses 15-24. How does Jesus distinguish between those that truly love Him and those that don’t truly love Him?

In 1 John 2:27 we’re told that abiding in God is sufficient to know Him. Continue reading into John 15, verses 1-17. What are the benefits of abiding in relationship with Jesus? What are the risks of failing to abide in relationship with Jesus? What commandment does Jesus give to His disciples?

Get Personal

Many of the believers John was writing to were being deceived and led astray by the Gnostic teachers claiming to have unique, secret knowledge of God. Are there any teachers, organizations or programs that you have put on a pedestal in your mind of having unique understanding of God?

John’s letter encourages believers to seek out an abiding relationship with God through the Holy Spirit rather than follow special teaching. Are there areas in your life where you have turned Christianity into a religious rule-following system rather than an abiding relationship with God?

Put into practice

When someone walks away from the faith and denies Jesus Christ, God is providing a blessing of making their true need for the Gospel plain. Think of someone in your life that has walked away from their faith and pray for them to repent and turn to the Lord.

Abiding in relationship with God is the same as growing an relationship, it requires times and communication. What are ways you can improve the quantity and quality of your time with God? Who can you use as a good role model in this area? (Maybe someone historical from scripture or from Church history or maybe a mature believer in your church?)

Advanced Question

Paul writes about the coming Antichrist in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. John refers to this same coming man of lawlessness when describing the many people falling away from the faith and denying Christ. According to 2 Thessalonians 2, what (or who) is preventing the “big A” Antichrist from being revealed today and what will cause that to change?