

Title: Don't be Led Astray - PART II

Text: I John 2:20-27

Let us come, again, to I John....We are in chapter 2 and we will begin reading at Vs 18.....T John is dealing with the doctrine of Assurance. How we might know for sure that we have eternal life. And Satan is out to deceive us. He wants to cause problems and misunderstanding in our life. So, John is dealing with this problem of deception.

It is amazing to be how easily many christians are led astray. How so many people are deceived and wandering from the truth of God's Word.

Now, what will keep the believer from being lead astray?.....John give to us the answer in these verses.....Follow along in your Bibles as we shasre the scripture with you....

(Read 3:18-27)

Prayer

These verse give to us three principles which if we apply them to our lives will keep us from being lead astray...Three basic principles. Number one: The Principles of the Antichrist ..Vs 18 and 19. We look at this principle last week....Basical it says, that we need to be aware of people who seem to say good things, but in truth they are in the Spirit of the Antichrist, and if you are not carefull they will led you astray.....

And John ~~is saying that if we are aware of these false teachers then we will not be led astray.....We will not wander from the truth of God's Word.....~~ *tells us How TO Identify That kind of Person. They have a basic denial - They that Jesus is The Christ -*

(2B) Now, today we want to come to the second and third principles which will keep us from being led Astray. The second principle is the principle of anointing.....The Principle of Anointing....This is a tremendous thing.

Notice, please if you are using the **KJ**, notice the word "unction" in Vs 20...That is the same word "anointing" that you find down in Vs 27.... "The Anointing which you receive from Him.....

The concept of "anointing" comes from the O.T. when oil was poured upon the heads of Prophets, Priest, and kings as a sign of the power and minister and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon them. Oil represents the Spirit of God. In the text, it is obvious that He is under consideration. The Anointing is the Holy Spirit.....

(1C) Now, first of all, I would like you to notice the Receiving of this anointing. How did it happen? Look at Vs 27, "the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for any one 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."

(1D) So, notice the source of this anointing. Vs 20: "You have an Unction or anointing from the Holy One." This anointing comes from God. Whatever it is, it comes from God. That is the source of our anointing. And the reason we need to know about this anointing is because it is a deterrent against being led astray. The anointing comes from God.

(2D) Now, if you would turn over to Galatians for a moment, please, Galatians chapter 3 and Vs 1, we learn the means by which I receive this anointing. The means.....Galatians chapter 3 and vs 1 (Read Vs 1-2)

Notice that again: "Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?"....

The answer is obvious: we received the H.S. by the hearing of Faith. Then Vs 3 clarifies: "Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" You see, as a Christian, you must live by faith and the Holy Spirit just as much in Christian life as you did the moment you became a Christian.

So, how do I receive this anointing? I receive it by hearing with Faith. If this morning you will receive Christ as your Lord and Savior, if you will believe on Christ, God says you will receive an anointing. An assurance that you will be taught. And the anointing is the Holy Spirit Himself.....

pc) Come back to I John 2, again. And I notice from this passage that the anointing is a CONSTANT POSSESSION. A PERMANENT POSSESSSION OF THE CHRISTIAN. In I John 2:20 he says "You Have". Again, it is a habit of life. You "constantly have" an ANOINTING, from the Holy One.

I notice, also, Vs 27: we read: "the anointing which you received from Him. You have it - it is a permanent possesssion. He says: "It abides in you." Constantly abides in you.

Did you know that the Lord Jesus taught that the Holy Spirit will be in you forever? He will never ~~leave~~ leave you. Any person who has truely accepted Jesus Christ can never lose there salvation. ~~Why?~~ WHY? Because it is not dependent upon your actions or mine. It is dependent upon the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit who seals us and makes us secure. As Ephesians <sup>1:13</sup> says: "In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation - having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise. This is a garantee of our inheritance to the ~~posses~~ <sup>mans</sup> of his glory."

You cannot lose it. You have receive Christ and he abides in you, ~~constantly~~ constantly. TREMENDOUS

3C Now, what are the results of this anointing. Let's look at it, Vs 20:

"you ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."

a ~~Actual translation of the book is "All Things"~~  
How ~~would you like to know all things?~~ The Holy Spirit ~~which~~ has been given to you so that you will know all things.

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I would like to make one observation at this point: The word "Things" is not in the text. It is simple the word "ALL". It is in the same form as the last phrase of Vs 19. It says concerning the ANTICHRIST, this people who denie that Jesus is Messiah, "That they all are not of us."

And then in the same breath he says: "but you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know." ~~so you see the reason~~ It could be translated very easily: "All of them." Referring to the ANTICHRIST.

So you see -- the reason you have the anointing of the Holy Spirit, why God's spirit is in you, is so that you can know if someone is ~~denying~~ denying the truth of the Bible. HE WILL MAKE YOU AWARE OF IT. HE IS THERE TO TEACH YOU. AND TO SHOW YOU. *and you, therefore, should be led astray*

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There is another result found in Vs 27. He says: "You have no need for any one to teach you." ~~Some~~ Some people interpret this as <sup>mean</sup> meaning that they don't need Bible teaching. "You have no need for any one to teach you." It is not talking about any <sup>one</sup> man teaching you <sup>secondary subjects</sup>. The Point of this whole thing is that you have no need of others teaching you - APART FROM THE SPIRITS REALM OF TEACHING. WHAT IS HIS REALM OF TEACHING? It is very clear: THE WORD OF GOD. Let me show you.

Back in Vs 20 and 21. "You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all. I have not written to you because you do not know what? "The Truth." The Spirit and the Truth are always brought together. The Holy Spirit is the "subjective." The word of truth is the "objective." The Holy Spirit uses "the Word." ~~with~~ <sup>word</sup> The Holy Spirit ~~will~~ teach me? YES But His realm of teaching is the "TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD." *Do you see!* You have no ~~need~~ need that any one teach you. The Holy Spirit of God has revealed His will in the WORD OF GOD. AND HE WILL TEACH YOU, *IF you will study the word of God.*

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I notice another result of this ANOINTING. Vs 27: "His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie." *Not a lie* "ALL THINGS."

I would like you to come back to John chapter 14. The Gospel of John chapter 14. By the way, chapters ~~15-~~ 15- 16 are all important in the understanding of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. John chapter 14 and Vs 26: "But the comfortor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."

Notice he is teaching me something and he is bringing to my remembrance, something that Jesus said. *That is: If the principle of God, what are within me to bring to mind my remembrance*

Now look at chapter 15: Vs 26: "When the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of what? truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of me."

*out* Now look at chapter 16 vs 13: "But when He, the Spirit of what? TRUTH. It is "The Truth". The Spirit of the truth. The truth that God reveals. It is God's truth. When the Spirit of the truth, comes, He will guide you into all THE TRUTH; for he will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, he will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall take mine, and shall disclose it to you."

The Holy Spirit will guide me into all the truth. That is the result of having THIS ANOINTING. He teaches me all things. *and it is not a lie* HOW I THANK GOD FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT. *and because of this I should not be led astray should not*

By friend, if you have never accepted Christ, you are not a christian, you don't have the privilege of being possessed by the Holy Spirit. *and you are going to be led astray* He is the constant assurance that we are part of God's great family. The Bible tells us that He bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. He has promised to guide you - to lead you -into all of the truth.

If you do not make yourself available to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, you are missing out on the joy of the christian experience. And he guides us into the truth. And the more *truth* ~~truth~~ you realize of what you have in Christ, I tell you the happier you will be. It is like the man who has OIL on his property and doesn't know it. Many Christians are like that. When we come to accept Christ we have everything in Christ. We are blessed with all spiritual blessings. Our position is PERFECT in christ. A perfect standard of righteousness. *and they don't know it* Like to man who has OIL.



Now, when I am guided by the Holy Spirit, when I am walking under his control, when he is guiding me into all the <sup>truth</sup> ~~truth~~, that is like the man who discovers that oil is there. Man is he excited. I have discovered OIL. What a rich inheritance under his ground. That is what happens when the Spirit of God guides you into all the truth.

But now watch it. When the Spirit begins to produce his fruit in you it is like drilling for a little bit of that oil, and receiving a <sup>Small</sup> portion of it now. We made a hundred ballels of oil today. ~~T~~? TREMENDOUS. But did you know that there are millions down there. Really! Yes, didn't you know that? NO! Boy, that is exsiting. How much are we going to drill for tomorrow?

You see. The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance. He is the assurance - the seal - the security. He indicates to us that we are members of the body of Christ. That we are really His. And you can enjoy a tast ~~of~~ of that which you will have forever, if you will only let the Spirit of God work in you.

Controlled by the Holy Spirit. The Bible commands us to be Controlled by the Holy Spirit. To walk by the Spirit.

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(3B) And this brings us to the third principle: THE PRINCIPLE OF ABIDING.

According to this passage there are three things abiding in <sup>us</sup>. And this would be our possessions. Something we have. Three things that abide in us. And then we abide in something. I HOPE YOU GOT THAT! Three things abide in the Christian. And the Christian abide in something.

(1 C) NOW, WHAT ABIDES IN US

(1D) ~~Number one~~, Vs 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 <sup>S</sup>on and in the Father."

The point is this: That which I have heard is the word of truth about Jesus. The thing that is under discussion as it relates to the Antichrist is the denial that Jesus is God.

Now, I have heard the truth About Jesus. I have heard that He is God. That He died on the cross for my sins. That he arose on the third day for my justification. I have heard that I am lost unless I confess my sins and receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour of my life. I have heard that the only truth is Jesus. I have heard that FAITH COMETH BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD. *I John 1:9*

I have heard all of this wonderful truth. And I have received it. And I believe it. I am saved by God's wonderful grace. And so the first thing I have abiding within me because of my faith in Jesus IS THE WORD OF TRUTH-----THAT WHICH I HAVE HEARD.

(2D) THE SECOND THING ABIDING IN ME IS FOUND IN Vs 25: "AND THIS IS THE PROMISES WHICH HE HIMSELF MADE TO US: ETERNAL LIFE."

That takes you right back to the first three verses of I John, which clearly teaches that I possess eternal life, the moment I accept Jesus into my life. Dear friends, it is not something God is going to give you in the future. Eternal life can be yours today. You receive it the moment you accept Jesus into your life. It is a present possession.

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Then, third, ~~THE ANOINTING~~, VS 27: "The anointing which you have received is, as a habit of life, continuing or abiding in you."

*and of course that abides is The Holy Spirit. abides in you. John 14:16 tells us that the H.S. dwells in the life of the believer*

Three things abide in you. And that is your possession. Praise God for it. They are: (1) the Word, (2) Eternal life; and (3) the Holy Spirit. All three abiding in me. You know what Jesus said?

Turn with me to John chapter 15. This is the teaching of Jesus concerning the Vinedresser. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. And the branches that do not bear fruit are cut off and thrown into the fire. Notice the word "abiding" and the "result" within our life if we abide in Christ. John chapter 15 beginning at Vs 1.

Read John 15:1-11

The tremendous benefits of our possessions abiding in us. The Word - Eternal life -- The Holy Spirit.

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NOW, IN WHAT DO WE ABIDE? Coming back to I John 2, please notice Vs 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 (continual) in the Son and in the Father." IT IS A POSITION.

Vs 27-- the last phrase: "and just as he has taught you." He-- referring to the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit, if you will remember, who teaches us all things. "Just as he has taught you, YOU ABIDE IN HIM." Literally it is "YOU ARE ABIDING IN HIM."

The KJV says "ye shall abide in him" and that is not right. It is "YOU ARE ABIDING IN HIM." As a constant habit of life, as he has taught you, you are abiding in him.

In other words, if you are not receiving the teaching of the Holy Spirit, if you are not receiving answers to your prayers, YOU ARE NOT ABIDING IN CHRIST. ~~By way of position, you don't know Christ.~~



If the Holy Spirit is teaching you, it is an evidence that you are abiding in Christ. The "Him" is Christ. This is obvious from Vs 27 when it talks about the "beginning". In the beginning was the word and the word was Christ. You received ~~the~~ the anointing from Christ. Christ promised the Holy Spirit to us. And we receive the Holy Spirit, if we will believe by faith on Jesus Christ.

So, let's get it stright. THREE THINGS ABIDE IN ME BY FAITH.

(1) The Word of God; (2) eternal life; and (3) the Holy Spirit. They will abide in you the moment you ask Christ to **come** into your life. Understanding that he died for your sins and paid for them on the Cross.

The moment you trust Him as your saviour, as your only hope, the moment you do that, those three thing will abide in you.

And, also, at the same time, you will abide in something. You will abide in christ which is also in the Father. It is your POSITION.

And God doesn't look at you anymore with all of your sin. He doesn't look at me with all of my sin. He doesn't look at me like that any more. He looks at me through ~~the~~ eyes of one who sees the righteousness of Christ.

*why? because* I AM IN CHRIST. I am counted and pronounced RIGHTEDOUS ~~EE~~ IN HIM.

Not because of any merit of my own. But because Jesus paid for my sin.

I hope ~~you know something about that~~ *you are experiencing that*, today. I hope that you have accept Christ and you are now in Him by way of position.

You don't grow to that place. You be~~o~~me in Christ the moment you accept Him. It is a personal decision on your part.

LET US CLOSE WITH PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, as we read these words of John , about not being led astray, we realize that there are many in our world who are in the spirit of Antichrist, who denie that Jesus is Messiah, denie that he is coming, that God has become Man to redeem us. Oh, we pray that you would help us to decern ~~falswe~~ false teaching when we see it and

hear it. That we will not be lead astray. That we will not comprise our position in christ. ~~your word~~ ~~As the word~~

And we thank you that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all the truth. He will never led us into error. But he works through that truth which is the Word of God. Father, keep us close to the Word. That we might not stray or stand apart from that which is truth and that we might not egnore your Word knowing the danger of being led astray.

~~Keep us close to your word. That we might be in the Word which is the Book of all books, which is our food for growth.~~

And then our Father, we pray, that you will help us to understanding the priciples of abiding. ~~That~~ To know that the Word of God, that eternal life, and that the Holy Spirit abides in us the moment we ask you to come into our life. What a tremendous possession. And yet Lord to know that we abide in you. It is hard for us to believe.

Why you would accept us, sinful as we are and we egnore you, and yet you accept us and count us rightousness in your Son.

Help us Lord to accept Him, today. To believe Him- that he is the saviour and that he will give us eternal life, and he will forgive our sins. Father, we ask this that Jesus my be glorified.

Amen