



Freedom From Deception

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you concerning them that seduce you” (I John 2:26)

“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 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.” (I John 2:18-27).

It is very easy to be deceived if we are unscrupulously chasing after every wind of doctrine - for something new and exciting, without diligently comparing such with the original truth of the word of God. Every year many make shipwreck of their faith through such means. We can not only prevent that happening to us, but also stand firm in the truth and propagate it by observing the principles in this text.

- 1) Discerning the times. The preponderance of antichrist is a pointer to the end times “Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have

heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time” (I John 2:18).

- 2) Separatism, divisions and differences are not always innovation (I John 2:19). It is sometimes evidence of backsliding - itching ears that run after every new idea, but lack the ability to endure sound doctrines (2 Timothy 4:3).
- 3) Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:20) enlightens us in the truth and inoculates us from error.
- 4) Possession of truth drives us to seek more (I John 2:21). Your thirst for the truth will fill you with so much truth that there will be no room in your life for lies.
- 5) Denying the son, robs one of access to the Father (I John 2:22,23).
- 6) Holding unto the old time religion is not a boring ritual, but a safety net from error and deception (I John 2:24); as well as the pathway to spiritual progress and wisdom.
- 7) God’s promise of eternal life is founded on the truth, and for those that hold unto it (I John 2:25).
- 8) A reminder on truths inoculates from the errors of seducers (I John 2:26).
- 9) The anointing of the Holy Spirit is more than a sufficient teacher of the truth (I John 2:27). His mission is to guide into all truth. We receive the anointing OF (not FROM) God because He IS (not HAVE) the anointing. Teachability and positive response to the truth equips us to abide in Him.

It is expensive to abandon the truth for lies. Let’s determine to hold unto the truth till the end. God bless you.