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1 John 2:27-28

Abiding in Christ

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The Anointing From Christ Abides

1John 2:27a (NASB)
As for you, **the anointing** which you received from Him **abides** in you

- We must reject the false “anointed ones”
- Abiding is linked to “what you heard” (1John 2:24)
- The true teaching of the apostles and the anointing of the Holy Spirit work together
- This is stated as a promise
- The anointing does not supply subjective revelation

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We Never Need False Teachers

1John 2:27b (NASB)
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

- We have what we need in the teaching of Christ and His apostles
- The false teachers claim a special anointing
- False teachers have teachings unique to them
- The Holy Spirit is the source of true apostolic doctrine (John 14:26)

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Abiding in Christ as Taught

1John 2:27c (NASB)

and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

- “Abiding” is thematic in John’s writings
- True teaching and abiding are concomitant
- “Abide” is indicative here and imperative in the next verse
- The Holy Spirit who anoints Christians is the “Spirit of truth” (John 14:17)

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Abide to Have Confidence

1John 2:28 (NASB)

Now, 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.

- The Greek has a conditional that denotes uncertainty, not about His coming but its timing
- “Confidence” and “shame” are antithetical
- Those who abide boldly wait for His return
- Jesus is the eschatological Judge

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Implications and Applications

- False teachers add nothing valid to the knowledge of God
- The Holy Spirit works with the word He inspired
- We abide in Christ by clinging to His word, not subjective impressions

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False Teachers Oppose True Knowledge of God

2Corinthians 10:4, 5 (LEB)

for the weapons of our warfare *are* not merely human, but powerful to God for the tearing down of fortresses, tearing down **arguments** and all **pride** that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and **taking every thought captive** to the obedience of Christ.

- “arguments” is *logismos*, and implies false reasoning that opposes the gospel
- The battle is against the true knowledge of God that comes through the gospel of Christ

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The Holy Spirit Works With the Word

John 15:7 (NASB)

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

- The converse is in vs. 6 (not abide = thrown out)
- His words abide in us when we believe what God has said in Christ
- The Holy Spirit inspired the Bible
- Following inner voices is NOT abiding in Christ

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Christ Is the Eschatological Judge

John 5:22, 23 (NASB)

For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

- We must honor Christ now so that we will not be ashamed when He comes
- We must listen to His word because this will be the basis of His judgment (John 12:48)

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Listen to Christ and Believe His Word

John 5:24 (NASB)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, **he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life**, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

- Eternal life is the promise of God for believers
- We were all dead, but believers have life now
- Eternal life is a quality of life we have now and this life will go on forever with God

