

## 1<sup>st</sup> John Lesson 6 - Let No Man Deceive You

**1Jn 2:20-21** 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.

John is teaching what he heard Jesus teach. Look how John uses almost identical wording fifty years later,

**Joh 14:26** But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost*, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Regardless of the Radical Grace teachers, these disciples of Christ, these true Christians know the truth that Jesus has set them free from sin and they no longer have to walk in darkness.

**Joh 8:31-32** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;** (32) **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

Earlier in the same chapter He said,

**Joh 8:12** Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**

Not only had they been taught the truth by the genuine apostles of the Lord, but they also had the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, residing within them who would teach them all things. John knew they already knew the truth. He is reminding them that no matter where the Lord sends them on planet earth, they have an unction, the anointing of the Holy Spirit within them, to continually remind them of the things Jesus had said and to keep their feet on the path of truth. The Holy Spirit Himself would reveal the lies of the antichrists to them. Stay in close fellowship with the Holy Spirit!

**1Jn 2:22-23** 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.*

John is saying, if these men came out and blatantly said, "Jesus is not the Messiah,"

Christians would immediately know they are liars because they would be denying both the Father and the Son. But these false teachers that are denying that the teachings of Jesus are true, they are also denying the Father who openly declared that Jesus was His Son and that we are to hear and obey His words. **Remember, John was one of the ones on the Mount of Transfiguration and he heard God say with his own ears,**

**Luk 9:34-35** While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. (35) And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, **This is my beloved Son: hear him.**

There is no time to teach the series again like I have in the past, but this whole incident on the Mount of Transfiguration was an effort to restore Peter from his rebellion after he had denied what the Lord had said about Him going to be crucified. Peter denied the Lord by saying,

**Mat 16:22-23** Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. (23) But he turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

On the Mount of Transfiguration, God Himself is declaring to them all ... **"This is my beloved Son: hear Him."** The antichrists who were saying it is okay to deny the teachings of the Son, they are also denying the witness of the Father who said we are to "hear Him." John was there that day. He is being a faithful witness of what he saw and heard.

**1 John 2:24** 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.

Remember that "in the beginning" of becoming Christians, they were taught daily from house to house, the apostle's doctrine. The apostles taught the new converts what Jesus had taught them. They were taught the truth from the beginning, and that is what was to be "abiding" in them. Notice if they keep the original doctrine abiding in them, they would also continue in the Father and the Son. John is teaching what Jesus taught,

**Joh 14:19-23** Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. (20) At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (21) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my

**Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.** (22) Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? (23) Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

**1Jn 2:25-27** 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.

Notice verse 25 begins with the word "And." You have to connect the previous verse to it in order to understand it.

**1Jn 2:24-25** 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.

**"If"** the original doctrine of Christ (which is the apostle's doctrine taught you from the beginning when you were born again) ... **If** that continues to abide in you ... you shall continue in the Son and in the Father ... **AND** ... you will obtain the promise of eternal life.

THE LIFE IS IN THE VINE. YOU MUST ABIDE IN CHRIST FOR THAT LIFE TO FLOW IN YOU. IF YOU DO NOT CONTINUE TO ABIDE IN CHRIST, YOU WILL BE CAST FORTH AS A BRANCH. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS "ABIDING IN CHRIST" WITHOUT HIS WORDS "ABIDING IN YOU."

**Joh 15:6-7** **If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.** (7) **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

The antichrists are denying the teachings of Jesus, even though they want to be known as Christians. His Word is not abiding in them. They are actually denying His words. They are denying Him in word and deed, but they still want to be known as Christians and they still declare they are right with God. They shall be cast forth as a branch and burned. John

is writing the epistle as a warning ... do not be cut off and cast into the fire with them. In context, these antichrists who deny Christ's teachings are the very ones that John is warning about. They are the ones out to "seduce" Christians ... and they are still doing the same today. They tell you plainly that the words of Christ do not apply to you, that His words do not need to abide in you. They tell you to follow what they say instead of what Christ said. They have HUGE churches today all over the world, but they are causing many to be cast forth as a branch and burned.

**1 John 2:27 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.**

Thank God for the new nature which always leads us in righteousness. It is truly said. "As a compass always points north, so your new nature always points toward righteousness." That is your first teacher. But God gave us more than the new nature. He gave us the Holy Spirit, the very Spirit of Truth, the third member of the Godhead. John is reminding us of what Jesus taught, that not only does the Holy Spirit "teach us all things" and "show us things to come" but He also,

**Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost*, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

Jesus taught the apostles. The apostles taught these disciples everything Jesus taught them. As the disciples journey forward, the Holy Spirit will bring to their remembrance all things that Jesus taught. We have the new nature, the words of Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This is how we abide in Christ and continue to receive that eternal life from the vine. With all of John's teaching in chapter one and two of this epistle now in mind, look at how faithfully John has taught again what Jesus taught him over fifty years ago:

**Joh 14:15-31 If ye love me, keep my commandments. (16) And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; (17) *Even the Spirit of truth*; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (18) I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. (19) Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. (20) At that day ye shall know that *I am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (21) He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will**

**manifest myself to him.** (22) Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? (23) Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.** (24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. (25) These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you. (26) But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (27) Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (28) Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. (29) And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. (30) Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. (31) But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

**Joh 15:1-17 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.** (2) Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. (3) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. (4) Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. (5) I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (6) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. (7) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (8) Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. (9) As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. (10) If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. (11) These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full. (12) This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. (13) Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (14) Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (15) Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. (16) Ye have not chosen me, but I have

chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. (17) These things I command you, that ye love one another.