

1 John 2:24-25

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Review:

What was seen, heard, and touched: 1 John 1:1-4

Fellowship with Him and one another 1 John 5-8

Test of knowing Him 1 John 2:3-6; 9-11

Do not love the world 1 John 2:15-16

Deceptions of the last hour 1 John 2:18-22

Let truth abide in you 1 John 2:24-25

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Therefore 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 Son and in the Father.

Therefore let that abide in you

The false teachers were teaching false doctrine that did not agree with the original message John and the apostles proclaimed. John is reminding them to abide in the doctrines concerning the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. These truths never change!

Define the word abide.

Abide: remain, continue. To stay in a given place, state, relation or expectancy.

To abide is to cling, follow and depend on God daily.

“Adhere steadfastly to it; let the truth obtain a permanent lodgement in the soul. In view of its great importance, and its influence on your happiness here and hereafter, let it never depart from you.” *Albert Barnes' NT Commentary*

To abide involves maintaining that special relationship with God.

Luke 10:27 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind...

John 6:56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

1 John 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

To abide is to stand in the truth of the Christ, walking in the truth, and persevering in faithfulness and sound doctrine.

John 8:31-32 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

To abide is to grow in righteousness with the help of the Holy Spirit as we live and serve our Lord. Jesus said, “If we abide in Him, we will produce much fruit.”

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

John 15:4-5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

What steps can we take in order to abide in the Lord and remain steadfast?

Which you heard from the beginning

This is the same doctrines which they had been taught by the apostles from the beginning regarding the Son of God and the way of salvation. This was a reminder to never let the truth that is correct and unalterable depart!

John 8:25 Then they said to Him, “Who are You?” And Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.”

1 John 2:7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

2 John 1:6 This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

How can we know if the doctrine we are hearing is the truth?

The Word of God never changes. It’s the same gospel message we have heard and read in God’s Word. If we hear anything contrary to the Bible, our source, it is false doctrine!

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Do you feel hopeless at times?

Where is it that we can find encouragement?

If what you heard from the beginning abides in you

By faith in the Son, one becomes genuine children of God. All who continue to abide in the truth of His word and loves Him will have fellowship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Those who truly abide in God will persevere until the end.

Matthew 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

John 15:9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

1 John 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

You also will abide in the Son and in the Father

No one can come to, or remain in the Father, but only by the Son, who is **“the way, and the truth, and the life.” John 14:6**

John 17:21-24 That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Why is abiding in Christ vital in our walk?

1 John 2:25

And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.

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How would you define the word promise?

The *KJV Dictionary* states, “In Scripture, the promise of God is the declaration or assurance which God has given in his word of bestowing blessings on his people. Such assurance resting on the perfect justice, power, benevolence and immutable

(unchanging/absolute) veracity (truth) of God, cannot fail of performance. The Lord is not slack concerning his promises.”

God always keeps His promises because He is faithful! If He promises, it will happen! He is God and He does not lie or change His mind. This is His divine assurance to His people. He is totally dependable and true to His Word and forever faithful to His covenant promises.

Numbers 23:19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

1 Timothy 4:8 For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

2 Peter 1:4 By which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

What are some promises from God’s Word that He has fulfilled in your life?

The exceeding great and precious promises of God include all good things for this life and the future; which are infallibly secured to his people in Christ on the ground of the infinite merits of their Redeemer, infinite love, unbounded wisdom, and almighty power are pledged for their benefit. *The American Tract Society Dictionary*

There are many promises the Lord fulfills for us daily they we might not even be aware of. Here are a few promises from God’s Word that are great encouraging reminders.

God is our refuge, strength and help

God is our safe place when we need protection. When we are weak our God is strong.

Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 73:26 My mind and my body may grow weak, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Have you ever felt as if a trial was too much for you to handle? Where do we get our strength from?

God provides safety and protection

The best place to be, is right by Him.

Psalm 34:7 The Lord's angel encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous run to him, and are safe.

Isaiah 41:10 Don't you be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.

When you are fearful, to Whom are you to run to?

God is always with us

Our God will never abandon us!

Joshua 1:9 Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid. Don't be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

Matthew 28:20 Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

When you feel alone, Who is always with you?

God gives us rest and peace

In the hardships of this life, we find rest and peace in our Lord and Savior.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, I give to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

When life is overwhelming, Who is our rest and peace?

God gives us forgiveness

God's act of forgiveness towards us is an act of His love, mercy, and His grace. We have been released from God's just penalty and all charges against us have been wiped clean.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

These are only a few of the promises given to believers by the Lord, and there are many more promises the Lord has bestowed upon us! The list goes on and on! As if that is not enough, He has given believers eternal life. Do we not have a good and awesome God ladies?

Something to ponder: Do I realize how blessed I am that my God loves me so much!

Eternal life

Define the word eternal?

Eternal indicates that it is perpetual life that goes on and on and on, with no end.

Eternal life with God is the final reward and glory into which the children of God enter. For the believer, receiving eternal life in Heaven is not something a believer might someday have, it's a promise (pledge, divine assurance) from God that you will have eternal life! On that promise alone, it is enough to keep us faithful and steadfast in our walk.

Romans 6:22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Galatians 6:8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

“The truth of Christ, abiding in us, is a means to sever from sin, and unites us to the Son of God. What value should we put upon gospel truth! Thereby the promise of eternal life is made sure. The promise God makes, is suitable to his own greatness, power, and goodness; it is eternal life. The Spirit of truth will not lie; and he teaches all things in the present dispensation (the method or scheme according to which God carries out his purposes towards men), all things necessary to our knowledge of God in Christ, and their glory in the gospel.” *Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary*

1 John 5:11-13 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.

This is the promise the Lord has given us before time began...Eternal life to all who believe in Jesus Christ. They who receive the Lord's teaching and continue in communion with the Father and the Son, will have eternal life.

What are the prerequisites of receiving eternal life?

This promise of heaven is given to all who realize they can do nothing to save themselves. There is no amount of works they can do to work their way into heaven. They confess and repent of their sins and live a holy life believing and looking forward to the promise of Heaven. They trust and believe (faith) in the Lord Jesus Christ as their only hope for eternal life by the work He did on the cross. The promise of eternal life is His gift to believers. The only promise of eternal life is found in the Bible.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 10:28-29 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 17:1-3 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Romans 10:9 If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The Lord desires all to come and abide in Him. By doubting, rejecting and departing from the faith, ones receive eternal punishment and everlasting life away from the presence of God. Those who reject the message of Christ cannot be in fellowship with God.

Matthew 25:46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

2 Thessalonians 1:9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Something to ponder: Am I living with eternity in mind?

Romans 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not comparable to the glory that will be revealed in us.

Lord, help us to abide in You and live our lives with You in mind. To live a life of holiness resembling our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up His life that we might have eternal life with Him. Thank You Lord for your perfect gift and promise of eternal life for all who believe!