

1 John 2

Last week we spoke about John 1 and the reason this 85-95 AD letter was written to the churches in Asia Minor.

Gnostic Heresy was coming into the church. Gnostic Heresy believed that the body was evil and the spirit was the only thing that was good.

Therefore Jesus could not be a physical person and he appeared to be a human.

This by the way is the same theory that the Muslim's believe - Jesus only appeared as being crucified. This manifested itself in ungodliness and sinful behavior or ascetic behavior of punishing the body.

1. **Walking with Jesus** - 1 John 2:1-11

Walking with Jesus - Means walking in, with him and like him.

My dear children I write this so you want WILL NOT SIN! But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

He is the ATONING Sacrifice for OUR SINS and NOT ONLY OURS but ALSO for the Sins of the Whole world.

That is amazing good news. This is why we need to proclaim and be excited about the good news! It is such good news!

vs. 3-6 - This is not spoken much in the Christian world. But the word Christian means to be a little Christ.

Illustration: They actually expected me to live it.

But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him. Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did!

vs. 7-8 - A new command and an old one. Old one because the Bible speak about loving people from the beginning but a new one because now we know what true loving people is all about.

vs. 9-11 - Love is the true test of a spiritual person. Hate is not something that you can accept in your life, unforgiveness, unreconciliation!

Everyone can walk with Jesus. vs. 12-14
Universal Savior and Faith.
SO awesome! Jesus is for everyone!

Illustration: Albania and so many nations. Jesus is from the beginning! He is the only one that you need and the one who will help you overcome the evil one.

2. Rivals of the HUMAN Heart - 1 John 2:15-17

- Lust of the flesh
- Lust of the eyes
- Pride of life

Comes not from the Father but from the world!

The world and its desires will pass away but whoever does the will of God lives forever!

This is so true.

Illustration: UNH, Money, Life is about these things. It is about knowing God and making him known!

3. The Master Lie - 1 John 2:18-29

Who is the liar? Anyone who denies Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist - denying the Father and the Son.

No one who denies the Son has the Father, whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

Anti-Christ is anyone who denies that Jesus is the Christ - The Messiah!

And this is what he promised us - ETERNAL LIFE!

The anointing has come. You don't need to be taught you know what the truth is.

Continue in him so that when he APPEARS we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming!

vs. 29 - so clear and logical - If you now he is righteous you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him!

John is trying to help the Christians in Asia Minor to understand that the teaching that they first heard was the right way. You know it is true, don't listen to these gnostic teachers they are not like our Lord and so they are not born of him!

I love the verse in 28

Dear Children, continue in him so that when he appears WE may be confident and unashamed before him at his COMING! Are you confident! If you are in Christ you should be!

Election is scaring a lot people but we can be confident because when he appears we will hear well done good and faithful servant.

- Plane
- Movie Theatre
- ISIS
- Terrorism
- To live is Christ, to DIE IS GAIN!

Let us remember that the world and its desire will pass away but whoever does the will of God will live forever!

We are the ones that if we continue we will LIVE FOREVER!

Your challenges, your trials will be forgotten the first day of heaven. Because one day is a like a thousand years!

They say that time heals all things but what about FOREVER! FOREVER doesn't just heal all it MAKES YOU IMMORTAL and like God.