

Christ Helps Us

Homework Testimonies- Sharing Christ with someone outside your family.....

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. 2

John is careful to point out that to deny the deity of the Lord Jesus is to deny the Father also.¹²

Some people like to believe that they worship God, but they do not want to have anything to do with the Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle says, “He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.” How is the attitude being manifested in our society?²²

1 John 2:23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. 1

In John 8:19, 42, Jesus said that those who failed to recognize His deity and to love Him neither knew the Father nor had Him as their Father. Similarly, John says, “Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.” Here we have the wonderful truth of the unity between the Father and the Son. You cannot have the Father unless you have the Son. 1

1 John 2:24 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.4

The safeguard for young believers against the false teachers is to let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. This refers to the teachings of the Lord Jesus and of all His apostles.¹⁴

Our great safety is to stay close to the word of God.²⁴

We should test everything by “What do the Scriptures say?” If a teaching does not agree with the Bible, then we should reject it also.³⁴

As Dr. Ironside used to say, “If it’s new, it’s not true, and if it’s true, it’s not new.”⁴⁴

1 John 2:25 And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.2

When we abide in the Christian doctrine, we give proof of the reality of our faith. And the promise of that faith is eternal life.¹²

When we accept the Lord Jesus, we receive His own life, namely, eternal life, and this life enables us to test all new and questionable doctrines.²²

1 John 2:26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. :27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.5

John wrote thus to the young believers concerning the false teachers by way of warning. He does not have any fear as to the eventual outcome when he remembers that his readers had received ... the anointing from the Lord Jesus. 15

As mentioned previously, the anointing is the Holy Spirit, and here we learn that the Holy Spirit abides in you.25

This is a positive statement that once the Holy Spirit is received, He will never be taken away.35

Because we have received the Holy Spirit, we do not need any one to teach us. This does not mean that we do not need Christian teachers in the church. God has made specific provision for such teachers in Ephesians 4:11. It means that the Christian does not need any teaching apart from what is found in the Word of God as to the truth of God.45

The Gnostics professed to have additional truth, but John is saying here that there is no need for additional truth. With the Word of God in our hands and the Spirit of God in our hearts, we have all that we need for instruction in the truth of God.55

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 3

John addresses all the dear children of the family of God, and exhorts them to abide in Him so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.13

The we here refers to the apostles, and the teaching is that if the Christians to whom John wrote did not go on faithfully for the Lord, the apostles who led them to Christ would be ashamed at Christ's coming.23

This verse emphasizes the importance of follow-up work in all evangelistic endeavors. It also suggests the possibility of shame when Christ comes.33

1 John 2:29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him. 2

The fourth family trait is **righteousness**. We know in the physical realm that like begets like. So it is in the spiritual. **Everyone who practices righteousness is born of God.** 12

Because God **is righteous**, it follows that all He does is righteous, and therefore everyone **born of Him** is righteous. This is John's inescapable logic.22

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

The thought of being born of God arrests John with wonder, and he calls on his readers to take a look at the wonderful **love** that brought us into the family of **God**.