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1 John – Chapter 2: 1 – 29

I. The New Relationship

The connection between chapters 1 and 2 seems to this: As if John is saying, I have taught you something of the nature and universality of sin, and of the deceivers who say they have no sin, but you are not to understand me as teaching that sin is an element of our being, or attached to us by any absolute necessity, or infused into us by the will or authority of God, or of such might that resistance is vain; on the contrary. No the main object of this Epistle is, “That you sin not.”

You are not to yield to sin, but to resist it to the uttermost . . .

How?

A. The Advocate – vss. 1 – 6

John’s love for these Christians is clear. Listen to the tone of this opening line . . His intent is probably not so much to imply the young age of his audience, but rather to express affection.

Words to pay close attention to:

- may not sin
- Advocate,
- propitiation
- His commandments
- abides

For Christ to influence and transform your life, you must remain in Him.

B. A New Commandment – vss. – 7 – 17

People have all kinds of ways of trying to gauge the genuineness of a person's faith: how much one gives or how often they attend church virtually or in person, or how well he/she can discuss the Bible and theology.

John reminds his readers and us, that Christians can enjoy an ever-deepening fellowship with God by living lives marked by obedience, love and holiness.

- grow in intimacy with God vss. 7-8
- love has become watered down - vvs. 9 -11
- a reminder of who we are vss. 12 – 14
- do not love the world – vs. 15
- what does the world offer you? – vss. 16 – 17

The price tag for loving the world is the love of personal intimacy with God.

C. Abide In Him – vss. 18 – 29

Someone has rightly said, “time is of the essence.” No truer statement can be made today. Thus, John wants his readers and us the time of day or night it is. . . He means the last segment of time, from the coming of Christ until His return.

- Antichrist –
- What did the antichrist teach?
- What power and protection do we have against these liars?
- So what should we do?

A Christian can be accepted but not “acceptable.” Explain?

My friends, live everyday on high alert, looking for Jesus to return, and it will influence how you live . . .