**Day 13 - Spirit of Truth**

1 John 2:24-27

1. Let’s take time to review. What hindrances to fellowship has John written about so far?

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

2. In our verses for today, we start with a conclusion (Therefore). In light of the danger of the spirit of antichrist, how are we to protect our relationship (fellowship) with God? (v24)

3. What message have all true Christians “heard from the beginning”? (v24) (Beginning means from the moment we were born again… the beginning of our walk with God.) Should that message ever change or be replaced with a “new” message?

4. How are we tempted to believe something new and exciting? Write out Eph. 4:14.

5. According to verse 24, if what we heard from the beginning abides in us, then we will what?

Note: Remember, “abide” is a key word in this letter (and in the NT!). Keep adding to your list the tings you learn about abiding. If we are abiding in Jesus, we know we have a 2-way relationship with God.

6. What has Jesus promised us? (v25)

7. John has written the previous things (especially verses 24-25), why?

8. But, what is John’s reminder to them (and us)?

9. What have we received as a result of abiding? (v27)

10. What do we learn about the “anointing”?

11. According to verse 27, what two things enable a Christian to continue in truth? (Hint: both start with “a”.)

Note: The anointing is not for just some special Christians who say they have a special anointing and have been given some “higher” knowledge or “new” truth that is not found in God’s Word or contradicts His Word.

In speaking to his spiritual children, John is talking to them about the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who illuminates and empowers the believer’s heart and mind with God’s truth and love. (1 John 2:20, 27)

John 14:16-17

John 15:26-27

Application: Do you recognize that you have the anointing of the Holy Spirit to recognize truth from error? Are you abiding in Him so that you have this anointing working in your life? If you find it hard to discern error from truth, why do you think that’s true? What do you think you need to do?