

Wednesday in the Word
Digging Deeper
November 17, 2021
Abiding

1 John 2:24-27 KJVS

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. [25] And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. [26] These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. [27] But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Have you ever wondered why your deep interest in God's things and full joy in His salvation has absolutely no effect on your unsaved friends? Because there is no Holy Spirit of God dwelling in their hearts. They don't understand or care that such a thing could be so. They have no desire to look into eternal life and certainly no wonder at what matters so much to you. They are carnal, natural beings who believe only what they see and reject any notion of spirit matters. Will this provide an excuse when they kneel before their creator one day? Romans 14:11, Philippians 2:10. Paul, in Romans 1:18-22 removes their excuse claiming they do indeed know of God but they would rather revert to worldly, natural wisdom. A choice born out of rebellion. Natural beings can only comprehend nature in its physical limits. Spiritual beings, in contrast, can learn and grow in the knowledge of life in Christ and His fellowship. Back up a bit in Romans to verses 16-17. This gospel according to today's passage in 1 John 2:24 lives in us and is embodied in Christ in us. Not only so but the Anointing of the Spirit of God as well. We spoke of this in last week's lesson. It seems we are inhabited by a wealth of wonderful Eternity. Within our soul we share spiritual real estate with the Father, Son, Spirit, His Anointing and His Gospel. Surely our cup runneth over! Yet when we speak Agape Love to the unsaved we are seen as annoying, simple-minded and weak. John's concern for us in verse 26 though is remedied in verse 27. No man can teach us lies or seduce us with a false gospel. Our Indwelling God guides us in all spiritual truth (John 16:13) and a growing relationship with Him. 2 Peter 3:18. Worldly opposition by this point only drives us deeper into Christ, our only security. Hence, the great divide. Us vs Them. We have a constantly growing goal to know Jesus more purely and to share His gospel more discernibly. Matthew 10:16. John wrote this letter for two main reasons. To expose false teachers (2:26) and to help us self test our salvation (5:13). Allowing His Indwelling Spirit to teach and guide us raises our awareness of His Voice and His Power in our lives. The more settled and sure we are of our salvation the more effective we will be at rightly dividing His Word, (2 Timothy 2:15) giving us confidence and boldness to speak for Him (Acts 28:30-31) and to stand for His righteousness. Ephesians 6:14. Then we will be led to those appointed to salvation. 1 Thessalonians 5:9. Be patient.