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“TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES” PART 3

I JOHN 2 VS 26-29

SO FAR WE HAVE IDENTIFIED TWO OF THE THREE OUTSTANDING MARKS OF FALSE TEACHERS WHO ARE CONTROLLED BY THE “**SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST**”

I. **HE DEPARTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP** (2 VS.18-19)

II. **HE DENIES THE FAITH** (2 VS 20-25;4VS 1-6)

AS WE LOOK AT THE VERSES 26-29 WE WILL FIND THE THIRD MARK OF A FALSE TEACHER WHO IS CONTROLLED BY THE “**SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST**”

III. **HE TRIES TO DECEIVES THE FAITHFUL** (2 VS 26-29) IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE ANTICHRISTIAN GROUPS RARELY TRY TO LEAD LOST SINNERS TO THEIR FALSE FAITH. INSTEAD THEY SPEND MUCH OF THEIR TIME TRYING TO CONVERT PROFESSING CHRISTIANS TO THEIR OWN:

1. DOCTRINE-A BELIEF SYSTEM

THEY ARE OUT TO “SEDUCE” (LEAD ASTRAY) THE FAITHFUL

I TIM 4 VS 1- PAUL WARNS US THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN” NOW THE SPIRIT SPEAKETH EXPRESSLY, THAT IN THE LATTER TIMES SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, GIVING HEED TO SEDUCING **SPIRITS** AND **DOCTRINES** OF DEVILS (TEACHING OF DEMONS)

JESUS CALLED SATAN THE FATHER OF LIES (JOHN 8 VS 44) SATANS PRIMARY PURPOSE IS:

A. LEAD PEOPLE ASTRAY

B. TEACH FALSE DOCTRINE (2 COR 11VS 1-4;13-15)

NOTE: WE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT EVERYTHING A PERSON TELLS US SIMPLY BECAUSE HE CLAIMS TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE, FOR IT IS POSSIBLE TO “TWIST” THE BIBLE AND MAKE IT MEAN ALMOST ANYTHING (2 COR 4 VS. 1-2).

SATAN IS NOT AN ORIGINATOR, HE IS A COUNTERFEIT, AND EVERYTHING HE DOES AND PRODUCES IS COUNTERFEIT.

BY IMITATING THE WORK OF GOD HE HAS COUNTERFEIT:

1. **MINISTERS** (2 COR 11 VS 13-15)
2. **PREACH A COUNTERFEIT GOSPEL** (GAL 1VS 6-12)
3. **PRODUCE COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANS** (JOHN 8VS 43-44)
4. **DEPEND ON COUNTERFEIT RIGHTEOUSNESS** (ROMANS 10 VS 1-10)

EXAMPLE IS GIVEN IN THE PARABLE OF THE TARES (MAT 13 VS24-30,36-43) – JESUS AND SATAN BOTH PICTURED AS SOWERS. JESUS SOWS THE TRUE SEED, THE CHILDREN OF GOD BUT SATAN SOWS THE CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ONE. TWO KINDS OF PLANTS WHILE THEY ARE GROWING LOOK SO MUCH ALIKE THAT THE SERVANT COULD NOT TELL THE DIFFERENCE UNTIL:

THE FRUIT APPEARED –

NOTE: SATANS CHIEF STRATEGY DURING THIS AGE IS TO PLANT THE COUNTERFEIT WHEREVER CHRIST PLANTS THE TRUTH. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BE ABLE TO DETECT THE COUNTERFEIT AND SEPARATE THAT TEACHING OF THE FALSE TEACHING OF THE ANTICHRIST.

HOW DOES A BELIEVER DO THIS?

ANSWER: **BY DEPENDING ON THE TEACHING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT –** EACH BELIEVER HAS:

1. **EXPERIENCED THE UNCTION (ANOINTING)** – (I JOHN 2VS 20)
 - a. **THE SPIRIT WHO TEACHES TRUTH** (JOHN 14 VS 17:15 VS26)
 - b. **FALSE TEACHERS ARE NOT LED BY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH BUT BY THE SPIRIT OF ERROR** (I JOHN 4VS 3,6)

THE WORD “ANOINT” REMINDS US OF THE O/T PRACTICE OF POURING OIL ON THE HEAD OF A PERSON BEING SET APART FOR SPECIAL SERVICES. PERSONS ANOINTED IN O/T:

1. **PRIEST** (EX 28 VS 41)
2. **KING** (I SAM 15 VS 1)
3. **PROPHET** (I KINGS 19 VS 16)

NOTE: A NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN IS ANOINTED, NOT WITH LITERAL OIL, BUT BY THE:

SPIRIT OF GOD – AN ANOINTING THAT SETS HIM/HER APART FOR THE MINISTRY OF ONE OF GODS PRIEST (I PETER 2 VS 5, 9) IT IS NOT NECESSARY

FOR YOU TO PRAY FOR “AN ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”. IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THIS SPECIAL ANOINTING.

THE ANOINTING ABIDES IN US AND THEREFORE DOES NOT NEED TO BE IMPARTED TO US SO WHEN WE STUDY THESE FALSE TEACHERS WHO ARE CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST WE FIND THAT THEY NOT ONLY DENY:

- a. **THE FATHER**
- b. **THE SON**

BUT THEY ALSO DENY:

- c. **THE HOLY SPIRIT**- WHO IS THE TEACHER THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US, BUT THESE FALSE TEACHERS WANT TO BE TEACHERS THEMSELVES AND LEAD OTHERS ASTRAY THEY TRY TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

NOTE: WE ARE WARNED AGAINST LETTING ANY MAN BE OUR TEACHER, FOR GOD HAS GIVEN US THE SPIRIT TO TEACH US HIS TRUTH. THIS DOES NOT DENY THE OFFICE OF HUMAN TEACHERS IN THE CHURCH (EPE 4 VS 11-12) BUT IT MEANS THAT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE SPIRIT, YOU MUST TEST THE TEACHING OF MEN, AS YOU SEARCH THE BIBLE FOR YOURSELF. (ACTS 17 VS 11)

QUESTION: IF CHRISTIAN HAVE THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THEN WHY ARE SOME CHRISTIANS LED ASTRAY?

ANSWER: **BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ABIDING IN THE SPIRIT**

DEFINE ABIDE- **MEANS TO REMAIN IN FELLOWSHIP**

LET'S REVIEW THE WORD “ABIDE IN THIS 1 EPISTLE JOHN OF JOHN

- FALSE TEACHERS DO NOT ABIDE IN FELLOWSHIP (I JOHN 2 VS 19)
- THE WORD (MESSAGE) WE HAVE HEARD SHOULD ABIDE IN US (I JOHN 2 VS 24)
- THE ANOINTING ABIDES IN US AND WE SHOULD ABIDE IN THE SPIRIT (I JOHN 2 VS 27)
- AS WE ABIDE IN THE WORD AND IN THE SPIRIT WE ABIDE IN CHRIST (I JOHN 2 VS 28)
- IF WE SAY WE ABIDE IN CHRIST WE SHOULD WALK AS HE WALKED (I JOHN 2 VS 6)
- IF WE LOVE OUR BROTHERS, WE ABIDE IN LIGHT (I JOHN 2 VS 10)

- IF THE WORD ABIDES IN US WE WILL BE SPIRITUALLY STRONG (I JOHN 2 VS 14)
- IF WE DO THE WILL OF GOD, WE SHALL ABIDE FOREVER (I JOHN 2 VS 17)

AS WE HAVE LEARNED THE WORD ABIDE MEANS TO “REMAIN IN FELLOWSHIP” HOWEVER IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A CHILD TO BE IN A FAMILY AND YET BE OUT OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER AND WITH OTHER MEMNBERS OF THAT FAMILY. WHEN OUR HEAVENLY FATHER DISCOVERS THAT WE ARE OUT OF FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM, HE DEALS WITH US TO BRING US BACK IN A PLACE OF ABIDING. THIS PROCESS IS CALLED CHASTENING- CHILD TRAINING.

AS WE CLOSE THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE JOHN MENTIONS THREE WORDS:

ABIDE- WE HAVE DISCUSSED

APPER -WHEN CHRIST SHALL COME

BUT THE ONE I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH IS THE WORD HE USES IN VERSE 28:

ASHAMED – WHAT DOES JOHN MEAN THAT WE MIGHT NOT BE ASHAMED?

SOME CHRISTIANS WILL BE ASHAMED BEFORE HIM AT HIS COMING (I JOHN 2 VS 28). ALL BELIEVERS ARE ACCEPTED BUT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACCEPTED AND ACCEPTABLE. A DISOBEDIENT CHILD WHO GOES OUT AND GETS DIRTY WILL BE ACCEPTED WHEN HE COMES HOME, BUT WILL NOT BE TREATED AS THOUGH HE WERE ACCEPTABLE.

2 COR 5 VS 9.... THEREFORE WE HAVE AS OUR AMBITION TO BE PLEASING TO HIM. - A CHRISTIAN WHO HAS NOT WALKED IN FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRISTIANS IN:

1. **OBEDIENCE**
2. **LOVE**
3. **TRUTH**

WILL LOSE HIS REWARDS AND THIS WILL MAKE HIM ASHAMED!

SO AS WE LEAVE THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE- LET MEDITATE ON JOHNS WORDS IN CHAPTER 2 VERSE 28: AND NOW, DEAR CHILDREN, CONTINUE (ABIDE) IN HIM, SO THAT WHEN HE APPEARS WE MAY BE CONFIDENT AND UNASHAMED BEFORE HIM AT HIS COMING!