

First John 2:22-27

- 1) Question and answer about false believers—2:22-23
  - a) Question: <sup>22</sup> *Who is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *the liar* [ψεύστης] *if not the one characterized by denying* [pres. dep. ptc. ἀρνέομαι] *that* [ὅτι] *Jesus is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *the Christ* (perfect God & perfect man)?
  - b) Answer: *This one* [οὗτος] *is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *the anti-Christ, the one characterized by denying* [pres. dep. ptc. ἀρνέομαι] *the* (full deity of both the) *Father and the Son.*
    - i) To reject the Son is to reject what the Father says about the Son.
    - ii) <sup>23</sup> *Each one who is characterized by denying* [pres. dep. ptc. ἀρνέομαι] *the Son is not having* [pres. act. ind. ἔχω] *the Father.*
    - iii) CT and TR includes, “*He who acknowledges the Son has the Father also*”
- 2) True believers must focus on the Word—2:24
  - a) Command to focus: <sup>24</sup> *Therefore, you<sup>pl</sup> should keep on allowing to reside* [pres. act. impv. μένω] *in you<sup>pl</sup> what you<sup>pl</sup> heard* [aor. act. ind. ἀκούω] (emphatic, i.e. the truth (2:21)) *from the beginning.*
  - b) Encouragement: *If* [ἐάν, 3<sup>rd</sup> class condition] *what you<sup>pl</sup> heard* [aor. act. ind. ἀκούω] *from the beginning* (emphatic) *resides* [aor. act. subj. μένω] *in you<sup>pl</sup>, you<sup>pl</sup>* (emphatic) *also will reside* fut. act. ind. μένω] *in the Son and in the Father.*
- 3) God’s promise through Jesus Christ—2:25
  - a) <sup>25</sup> *And this is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *the promise which He Himself* (emphatic; Jesus) *promised* [aor. dep. ind. ἐπαγγέλλω] *to us: life eternal* [ζωή αἰώνιος].
- 4) God’s means of protection against deception—2:26-27
  - a) John’s purpose in writing: <sup>26</sup> *These things I have written* [aor. act. ind. γράφω] *to you<sup>pl</sup> concerning those who are trying to deceive* [pres. act. ptc. πλανάω] *you<sup>pl</sup>.*
  - b) God’s protection from deception:
    - i) God’s gift of the Spirit—<sup>27</sup> *But you<sup>pl</sup>, the anointing* [χρῖσμα] *that you<sup>pl</sup>* (emphatic) *received* [aor. act. ind. λαμβάνω] *from Him is residing* [pres. act. ind. μένω] *in you<sup>pl</sup>,*
    - ii) The adequacy of the Spirit’s illumination—and you<sup>pl</sup> are having [pres. act. ind. ἔχω] *no need* [χρεία] *that anyone should be teaching* [pres. act. subj. διδάσκω] *you<sup>pl</sup>,* (i.e. teach you contrary to what you have already been taught)
      - (1) There are legitimate teachers from God—Romans 12:7; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:28-29; Ephesians 4:11; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:11; Hebrews 5:12; James 3:1)
    - iii) God’s reality of God’s Spirit—but [ἀλλά] *as His* (emphatic) *anointing* [χρῖσμα] ...
      - (1) What the Spirit DOES: *is teaching* [pres. act. ind. διδάσκω] *you<sup>pl</sup> concerning all things*
      - (2) What the Spirit IS: *and is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *genuine* [ἀληθής] *and is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *not a lie*, (cf. John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:6; 5:6;
    - iv) God’s promise—and just as it has taught [aor. act. ind. διδάσκω] *you<sup>pl</sup>, you will reside* [fut. act. ind. μένω] *in Him.*