

Remain in Him

Series – A Study of I John

– I John 2:18-27 –

1. Characteristics of a Counterfeit Faith

* *Defect from the Fellowship (vs. 19)*

* *Deny the Faith (vss. 22-23)*

* *Deceive the Faithful (vs. 26)*

2. Characteristics of a Genuine Faith

* *Anointed by the Holy Spirit (vss. 20-21, 27)*

* *Adhere to the Gospel (vss. 24-25)*

* *Abide in Christ (vs. 27)*

THREE WAYS TO ABIDE IN CHRIST:

(1) [LOVE THE TRUTH](#)

(2) [LOOK TO GOD'S PROMISE](#)

(3) [DON'T GET LED ASTRAY](#)

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. If these believers were told 2,000 years ago it was the last hour, how and why should we live like it is the last hour?
3. How can you tell the difference between new insights into Christian truths that apply to your life, and teachings that undermine your faith?
4. Read verse 27. If John thought all human teachers were unnecessary, he would not have bothered writing this letter full of teaching! So what **was** he saying?
5. We live in an age when tolerance is viewed as the highest of virtues, so to call into question the beliefs of another is considered the worst of all sins. When is tolerance right and called for? When is it foolish or even dangerous to be tolerant?
6. Once again, compare verses 20 and 27. As for the Holy Spirit being our teacher, what are the major *hindrances* to overcome, and what are the best *helps*?

