

## Abiding Appeals

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### Introduction

1. Text 1 John 2:24-29
2. It is no compliment to God, for His children to live in doubt, fear, and uncertainty.
3. God wants His children to have a firm confidence.
  - a. This confidence is based on the right relationship with Christ. 1 John 5:13
  - b. This confidence demands that (verse 28)
    - i. One be in Christ
    - ii. One abide in Christ
4. In this lesson we want to learn:
  - a. The meaning of “abide”.
  - b. The means of abiding
  - c. The motivation to abide.

### II Discussion

1. The meaning of “abide”.
  - a. This passage is much like Jesus’ recorded in John 15:1-10
    - i. Abide is used 10 times in John 15
    - ii. The Savior used a vivid illustration of a branch abiding in the vine.
    - iii. Thus He is giving insight to the meaning of “abide.” Notice verse 7 and 10
  - b. In our text (1 John 2:24-29) “abide” or its synonyms are used 6 times.
  - c. The word means to continue, swell, endure, remain, or stand.
  - d. An example of what the word means is used in Acts 27:31
2. The means of Abiding 1 John 2:24
  - a. What they had heard from the beginning 2:7; 1:1; 3:11; 2:13,14
  - b. Jesus explanation is found in John 15:7
  - c. Paul’s explanation is found in Colossians 3:16
  - d. God’s word will reveal to us the ever present danger of:
    - i. The world 1 John 2:15-17
    - ii. The reality and power of the anti-Christ 1 John 2:18-19, 22, 4:13; 2 John 7
  - e. God’s word will remind us of our hope 2:25; 3:1-3
3. The motivation to abide 1 John 2:25-29
  - a. To inherit the promise of God 1 John 2:25
    - i. Eternal life explained in Romans 2:7
    - ii. This promise is for those in Christ 1 John 5:9-13 therefore we must:
      1. Get into Christ Galatians 3:26-27
      2. Then we must abide in Christ John 15:1-6; Revelation 2:10
  - b. Protection against deception 1 John 2:26
    - i. The danger of false philosophy and our protection is in Christ Colossians 2:8-10
    - ii. The danger of false theology 1 John 4:1

1. Any theology or religious teaching which denies the all sufficiency of the New Testament of Jesus Christ is false 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 4:1-4
2. So-called “additional revelations” or “prophets” make for a false theology!
- c. The Lord shall appear 1 John 2:28
  - i. He had personally declared this fact John 14:1-3
  - ii. When He comes again those unprepared will experience eternal destruction 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
  - iii. How we shall react if we abide in Him 2:28 confidence and not ashamed.

### III Conclusion

1. It is difficult to keep things in balance
  - a. Easy to put so much emphasis on a human response that we could have a religion of works.
  - b. It is easy to emphasize God’s provision for us so that we could have universal salvation
2. Abiding in Him means that we practice righteousness 1 John 2:29
3. What will you do?
  - a. Accept what God has told us to do John 6:28-29
  - b. Accept His grace Ephesians 2:8
  - c. Practice righteousness.
4. Come now

Source: Safe and secure Expository Outlines from 1 John & Philippians; Steadfast Saints sermon outline from 2 John, 3 John and Jude; GA commentary on 1,2,3, John; Denton lecture on 1,2,3, John