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## Lesson 20- The Anointing from the Holy One

We are continuing our study in First John, and we are in the section spanning **1 John 2:18-27**. Last week we learned about the Antichrist who is coming and the many antichrists who are among us even now. And we learned that the spirit of antichrist has one objective: to destroy the Truth and blaspheme the name of Christ with lies and deception. And the way we guard ourselves from this deception is to know the Truth, believe the Truth and continue to stand for Truth.

Jesus tells us there are only two types of people in the world. Those who are with Christ and those who oppose Christ, Matthew 12:30- **He who is not with Me is against Me**. If you are not with Christ, then you are antichrist. Last week we studied verse 18 and learned of the spirit of antichrist and their method of deception. The spirit of antichrist wants to infiltrate our lives and sway us into the darkness. They pretend to be one of us so they can deceive us. And this brings us to our study today in verse 19. Lets read this again....

*<sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.*

*<sup>19</sup> ἐξ ἡμῶν ἐξῆλθον, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἦσαν ἐξ ἡμῶν· εἰ γὰρ ἦσαν ἐξ ἡμῶν, μεμενήκεισαν ἂν μεθ' ἡμῶν· ἀλλ' ἵνα φανερωθῶσιν ὅτι οὐκ εἰσὶ πάντες ἐξ ἡμῶν.*

Five times John refers to “us”, the brethren. This is the koinonia Fellowship that the antichrists do not have. “**They went out from us...**” who is they? The antichrists... These antichrists who are among us. They are infiltrating into our churches and our lives. They say they have fellowship, 1:6; they say they know Him, 2:3; they say they abide in Him, 2:6; they say they are in the Light, 2:9; but they are all liars. These are the antichrists pretending to be one of the brethren, trying to deceive us. Jude speaks of these antichrists infiltrating the church, **Jude 4, 12, 16-19**. Notice that last statement in verse 19, “**not having the Spirit**”. They are trying to deceive and cause divisions because they don’t have the Spirit, and John says this is also why they went out from us.

Verse 19... “**They went out from us...**” Why did they leave? Because “**they were not of us...**” This is the key word to verse 19. This word “of”, ἐκ. It has the sense of being rooted in. We, as children of God, are born “of God”. We are ἐκ τοῦ θεοῦ; born out from God, 1 John 2:29; 3:9, 19; 4:2, 4, 6-7; 5:1, 4, 18-19. These antichrists had an outward separation from the brethren, “they went out from us”, because their hearts were not deeply rooted in God. They were not “of God” and as a result, were not “of us”. To be “of the brethren” is the koinonia Fellowship, **κοινωνία, 1 John 1:3**. Those who receive the message of everlasting life of Jesus and believe the Truth have Fellowship with God, and then out from that Fellowship with God comes a Fellowship and a love of the brethren. The antichrists lie and say they have this Fellowship, but yet they walk in darkness. They are liars and are not committed to the Truth, 1 John 1:6. Therefore, they are not “of us” because they don’t have this True Fellowship.

John continues in verse 19... “**... if they had been of us, they would have continued with us...**” This word “**continued**” is the word meno, μένω, abide. John uses this word 23 times in his epistle in the sense of our Fellowship with God, and John repeats this word six times in verses **24-28**. Our abode with the brethren comes from our abode, our Fellowship with God. This is a consistent test of Truth throughout this epistle. The proof of our Fellowship with God is the love of the brethren, **1:10; 3:14; 4:12**.

John continues to tell us in verse 19 why they went out... Verse 19... “**But they went out..., (they did not abide, but went out) so that they might be made manifest...** This word “**manifest**” is φανερώ- to reveal or to shine. This is a passive subjunctive, meaning they are not the ones revealing themselves. If it were up to them, they would stay hidden so they could keep deceiving, just like we read in Jude. But they were made manifest. So how were they made manifest? They were made manifest by the Light of the Truth shining on them, **Ephesians 5:13**.

Verse 19... “**But, (they did not abide, but went out) so that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.**” This last phrase, “that none of them were of us” is not exactly what the Greek is saying. This statement is true, none of the antichrists are of us, but the Greek says, “ὅτι οὐκ εἰσὶ πάντες ἐξ ἡμῶν.” “**because not all are of us.**” Not all

who say they are of us are really of us. John is implying that just because they “say” they are of us, doesn’t mean they are truly of us. These are deceivers, liars, hidden reefs in our love feasts, Jude 12, and John is teaching us how we can know those who are trying to deceive us, 1 John 2:26.

There is a lot being said in verse 19, so let me read this verse again in a paraphrase of what we have just learned...

*They went out from us, but they were not of us, they were not of the koinonia Fellowship; for if they had been of us, they would have continued to abide with us, because they would have been abiding in the Father. But they did not abide, but they went out from us, not of their own will, but because the Light of the Truth exposed them so that they might be revealed, because not all who say they are of us are truly of us.*

This reminds me of what Paul warned the Ephesian elders 40 years earlier. That there would be savage wolves who would rise up from within the church to try and deceive the flock, [Acts 20:29-31](#).

In verses 20-21, John tells us how we can expose these antichrists. Let’s read [20-21](#) again starting at the end of verse 19...

<sup>19</sup> ... they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

<sup>20</sup> but you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. <sup>21</sup> I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

We expose the lies with the Truth, specifically with the power of the anointing. Verse 20 is a continuation of 19 because it is the knowledge from the anointing about the Truth that has revealed the antichrists. John is making a comparison with those who are with Christ and those who are antichrist.

In verse 20, John tells us two important things. He says, “you have an anointing...” and “you know all things”. And to take it a step further, we know all things concerning the Truth, because of the anointing. This is how we expose the antichrists and overcome deception.

What is this anointing? The word is chrisma, *χρῖσμα*. This word is used three times in the New Testament and only in this section of First John in verses 20 and 27. The verb form of “anointing” is chrio, *χρίω*, to anoint or to smear. This word is used five times in the New Testament and it is a special word only used in connection with the anointing from God. 4 of the 5 times it is used it speaks of Jesus Christ as the One who is being anointed. That is what Christ means, Christos, *Χριστός*- the Anointed One, who has been anointed, chrio, *χρίω*, by God, [Luke 4:18](#); [Acts 4:27](#); [10:38](#); [Heb 1:9](#). Christos, *Χριστός*, is the Greek word for the Messiah, and 4 of the 5 times chrio, *χρίω*, speaks directly of the anointing on Jesus, but in [2 Corinthians 1:20-22](#), Paul now includes us in this anointing. The anointing is the seal of the Holy Spirit, and this anointing is in our hearts and speaking to our hearts, giving us the guarantee, assuring us of the promise of our everlasting life in Him. Every Christian has this anointing. That’s what Christian means, Christianos, *Χριστιανός*, the little anointed ones of Christ. And this anointing has a purpose. The anointing gives us the knowledge of the Truth of the promise of everlasting life, [Ephesians 1:13-14](#). After you heard the Word of Truth and believed it, you were sealed, you were anointed with the Holy Spirit of the promise of everlasting life.

The Truth is that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One, and John is making a point to contrast this with the enemy. John is the only writer in the New Testament to use this word anointing, chrisma, *χρῖσμα*, and he chooses to use it here to make a contrast with those who do not have the anointing. Those who are antichrist, antichristos, *ἀντίχριστος*. Those who oppose the anointing and do not have the anointing in them. John is specifically using this word “anointing”, chrisma, *χρῖσμα*, to make this contrast with those who are anti-the anointed one, antichristos, *ἀντίχριστος*.

We are Christians, Christianos, *Χριστιανός*, the little anointed ones of Christ. Notice who is doing the anointing. Verse 20, “you have an anointing from the Holy One...” Who is the Holy One? [Luke 1:35](#); [Acts 2:27](#); [3:14](#). The Holy One is Jesus Christ.

Jesus, the Anointed One of God, who is also our High Priest, has anointed us, sealed us with the Holy Spirit. We have an anointing from the Holy One, [John 15:26](#); [16:7](#). Have you ever wondered why the Holy Spirit couldn’t come unless Jesus went to heaven? Jesus had to first receive the promise of the Holy Spirit when He was raised from the dead, and

then He could give the Holy Spirit to all who believe, **Acts 2:32-33, 38-39**. Now that we have become children of God, we are heirs to the promise of everlasting life. And this life is sealed in us as a guarantee by the anointing.

Verse 20 says, “and you have an anointing from the Holy One, *and you know all things*.” This is a result of having the anointing. We know. And what do we know? Verse 21 tells us.

<sup>21</sup> *I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it...* We know the Truth.

The anointing teaches us the Truth. The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth that guides us into all Truth, **John 14:26; 16:13; 1 John 2:27**. The anointing gives us the knowledge of the Truth. This is how we became Christians, *Χριστιανός*, anointed ones of Christ, because we believed the Truth. Because we received the love of the Truth, 2 Thess 2:10, 13. And this is how we battle the deception of the antichrists. This is the encouragement of John. He is writing to the children of God, to those who know the Truth. When the Holy Spirit reveals the Truth of God in you, the Truth becomes the most precious thing in your life. And Who is the Truth?... Jesus Christ, John 14:6. I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life...

<sup>21</sup> *I have not written to you because you do not know the Truth, but because you know it... and that no lie is of the Truth.*

The Truth doesn't exist in the liar. The lie of the enemy is the denial of Jesus as the Christ, because the liar rejects the Truth. The liar says he is a Christian but denies Jesus as the Christ and the Truth does not exist in antichrist, 1 John 1:6; 1:8; 2:4. John makes this very clear in verse 22...

1 John 2:22- *Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.*

The lie is the denial of the Truth. The enemy rejects the Truth and blasphemes the Truth. Anyone who denies that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One who came to save us from our sins, is antichrist.

1 John 2:22–23-<sup>22</sup> *Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.* <sup>23</sup> *Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.*

In verses 22-23, John gives us another contrast. Those who deny the Son compared to those who confess the Son. Those who deny are antichrist and a liar and there is no Truth in them, <sup>23</sup> *...But he who acknowledges the Son*, he who homologeo, *ὁμολογέω*, confesses the same thing that God says about the Son, *he has the Father also*.

To confess Jesus as the Christ, means you confess that His sacrifice was perfect and complete. There is nothing we can do to add to it; no good works, no good deeds, nothing can be added to the Propitiation. His sacrifice on the cross was totally sufficient and to confess anything different is antichrist. This is trampling the blood of Jesus and putting Him to an open shame, Hebrews 6:6; 10:29.

<sup>23</sup> *... he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.*

The ONLY Way to the Father is through the Son. *I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through ME*, John 14:6. The Father doesn't do anything toward us apart from the Son. Our entire Salvation and redemption was placed in the Son, therefore there is no salvation apart from the Son, and no Way to eternal life with the Father except through the Son. Do you see the unbreakable koinonia Fellowship?

By confessing the Son, we have the Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And it is the anointing of the Holy Spirit abiding inside us that teaches us the wonderful Truth of Jesus as the Christ. The anointing is what brings us into Fellowship with God because *The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God*, Romans 8:16.

The anointing is the burden removing, yoke destroying power of God that has now been smeared on us by the Anointed One, Isaiah 10:27. We are Christians, *Χριστιανός*, anointed ones of Christ, and we know the Truth. And the Truth sets us free, John 8:31-32.

The anointing teaches us the precious Truth of Jesus Christ. That He set us free from the bondage of eternal death, and has brought us into Everlasting Life. And it is because you have the anointing, you will never be deceived because you know just how infinitely precious Jesus is to you, and you know that He is your greatest treasure and your abundant Everlasting Life. So when you know how precious He is, how can you ever deny Him

**This is the seal, it is the guarantee of everlasting life**