



1 John 2:18-29 (ESV)

¹⁸Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹They 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 it might become plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²²Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

²⁶I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

²⁸And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. ²⁹If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

How should we receive this?

As a reminder

You have been _____

You know _____

As a warning

Of _____

As a motivator

Worship in Song

How Great Thou Art

The Stand

Thank You Jesus

Faith Story

Dan Nordby

Community Life

Offering

Empires (Worship Center)

Total Abandonment (Woodside)

Message

Love & Truth

Pastor Brian Suter

Closing Song

Recommended reading during the current message series:

July 26	<i>Love & Truth</i>	1 John 2:18–29
August 2	<i>Pretend Love</i>	1 John 3:1–10
August 9	<i>Love Does</i>	1 John 3:11-24
August 16	<i>Love Power</i>	1 John 4:1–16
August 23	<i>Headwaters of Love</i>	1 John 4:17–5:5
August 30	<i>The Certainty of Love</i>	1 John 5:6-21



Getting the Love Thing Right #5 Love & Truth

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. We are in week 5 of this sermon series. What is one theme that you sense God stirring in you as you've listened to the messages over the last five weeks?
2. Read 1 John 2:18-29 together. Go around in a circle one verse at a time, one person reading at a time until the passage is completed. As you listened to this scripture passage what sticks out to you?
3. Receiving this passage as a reminder that we have been anointed...
 - a. Prior to this message, how would you have defined the word, "anointed?" What aspects of that definition do you feel like were accurate? What aspects of that definition do you feel like you need to leave behind as a result of what you've heard?
 - b. What is this anointing?
 - c. What difference does it make in the life of a follower of Christ?
 - d. Make this more personal – what practical difference does this or can this make for you in your day to day life?
4. Receiving this passage as a reminder that you know the truth...
 - e. What is "The Truth?"
 - f. What difference does it make in the life of a follower of Christ?
 - g. Make this more personal – what practical difference does this or can this make for you in your day to day life?
5. What was most impactful about Dan's faith story for you?
6. Receiving this passage as a warning of deceit...
 - h. How have you encountered ideas that challenge the Truth?
 - i. How do we hold onto the Truth, and yet love people in the way of Jesus?

7. Receiving this as a motivator to abide.
 - j. In your own words, what does it mean to abide?
 - k. Read John 15:1-5. How does this add more meaning to this word? *Same author, by the way!*
 - l. Grab a sheet of paper, and each individually brainstorm a short list of actions you can take to abide in Christ. Make this list super practical for this next week.
 - m. Share your list, and choose 1-2 things that you want to commit to.
 - n. Be prepared to report back next week on your experience of abiding.

As a prayer activity to end your group, choose a person in the group that you will pray with as they seek to abide in Christ this next week. As you go about this week together, check in with each other as you pray.