

A Practical Study of 1 JOHN
“Fellowship With The Father”
Study Number Five
1 John 2:18-27
Fellowship is Being Educated by His Spirit

INTRODUCTION:

John is deeply concerned that his young believers will lose fellowship because of some of this divergent, erroneous, satanically inspired teaching that would get them off track toward the simplicity of Christ. And of course Satan is deeply desirous that that would take place.

We have been discerning and tracing the **FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER** through the book.

1. First of all we saw it was **RESTORED BY JESUS CHRIST.**
2. It is **BROKEN BY SIN.**
3. It is **NOURISHED BY OBEDIENCE.**
4. And last we talked about it being **ESCALATED BY GROWTH.**

Now today we are kind of getting into the **HOW** of it because now he is introducing the **SPIRIT OF GOD.** And there is a real problem of apostasy and unbelief

that was prevalent even in his day as Paul warned young Timothy even before John wrote this epistle.

2 Timothy 4:3, 4

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.

John's concern now is to prepare these young Christians for these problems and to help them stay on track in maintaining their fellowship with the Lord.

He is preparing to let them know:

that unbelief is still very popular,

and that there are many different beliefs in the world,

and that being sidetracked into one of these can lead to a broken fellowship with the Lord.

Pick up with me at verse 18 and it will just fall out of the text. This is a very plain passage and I think you can get the flow very easily.

v. 18 Young children, it is the last hour; even as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many

antichrists have arisen; from which fact we are knowing that it is the last hour.

Notice he starts with the words **“YOUNG CHILDREN.”**

Have you noticed that there is a common denominator in almost all of the cults and that is they spend their time, almost exclusively, with young converts. It is not going out to make some of their own but to take young believers who can be deceived and who can be lead astray and they spend their time confronting these individuals with the teachings that they have to promote and to propagate.

And so John says **“YOUNG CHILDREN”** and then he says **“IT IS THE LAST HOUR.”**

Now he starts the verse with **“IT IS THE LAST HOUR”** and he ends the verse with the words **“IT IS THE LAST HOUR.”**

And I know what is coming into your kind of thinking process right now and that is, why was John so mistaken that 2,000 years ago he said **“IT IS THE LAST HOUR”** and it isn't the last hour yet?

You know the exciting dimension about the coming of Christ and the eminence of Christ is that all of us must be prepared today for His coming. Granted it has been 2,000 years of time since these words were written. But when you are dealing with an eternal God who is beyond time, a day with the Lord is like a thousand

years and a thousand years is like a day. And the Lord is coming, do not ever doubt that. And the fact that He is coming and that we have lived this long only indicates the fact that it is sooner than you could ever comprehend or believe. Christ is coming again.

He is saying “IT IS THE LAST HOUR.” It is almost like he is marking time by that.

You see the problem with the cults and the isms is that they can cause young children to be “tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine” Ephesians 4:14.

Paul had a problem in the Galatians church and he says in

Galatians 1:6

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ

Galatians 5:7

You were running well; who cut in on you that you should not obey the truth?

You see, a common denominator when these people get involved in cults, is they just depart from the simplicity of fellowship with the Lord and they begin to just ride one horse and that is the teachings of this group that they represent. And you have to be so careful that you do not get swept away in that kind of thinking.

“YOUNG CHILDREN, IT IS THE LAST HOUR.”

Now I want to just say this about HOUR before we go further.

The interesting thing about the life of Christ as you study it, especially in the Gospel of John, is you see Him marking time. It is like here is the eternal God in human flesh and He is aware of a divine program when it is going to start and when it is going to end. And since He knows that He uses a little phrase over and over again.

I just picked out four or five of them just to give you a little bit to be enticed by.

John 2:4 When he is asked by Mary to make wine at the wedding, what does He say?

My hour has not yet come.

And then in John 12:23 he said:

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Now we are getting close to the cross.

In John 13:1 when he goes into the upper room with the disciples, the text says:

Jesus knowing that His hour had come.

And then John 17:1 when He is praying in the garden of Gethsemane He says:

The hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee.

All John is saying is “IT IS THE LAST HOUR” and when we say that, the last hour indicates a sense of urgency.

It is like this is the fifth hour in teaching you the little book of 1 John. There are seven hours remaining. You do not feel any urgency right now to respond to what I am saying because you know that you still have some time.

Do you see what I am saying? If we thought that we had forever, then we would sit around and do nothing. The last hour brings a sense of urgency. It ought to if you are a child of the Father and you are in fellowship with Him. There is a common denominator between believers who are walking in fellowship and those who are not. Those who are not think they have forever. They are just blasé and lukewarm and compromise. But a person who is walking with a passion for the Lord and in fellowship with Him cannot help but be concerned about a lost and dying world. You just see it, you feel it, it impacts you.

John 9:4

I must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; for the night is coming, when no man can work.

John 4:35 he says to His disciples

Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

And Paul says now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation. Yes.

“YOUNG CHILDREN, IT IS THE LAST HOUR; EVEN AS YOU HEARD THAT ANTICHRIST IS COMING.”

Now we have turned prophetic and we will only stay there for just a second. The ANTICHRIST is the MAN OF SIN. He is the world leader who is going to be satanically inspired to run a worldwide economic program and kingdom.

And that person is described in Revelation 13.

He is described in Daniel 9.

And he is also described in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4.

This world leader is coming. He is anti-Christ. He is the man of sin. He is opposed to all that Christ's kingdom stands for.

But then John uses a little twist of the pen and uses the word in the PLURAL and he only uses it to describe these FALSE TEACHERS that are satanically inspired and they are representing his program and his cause.

And so he says “NOW MANY ANTICHRISTS HAVE ARISEN [come].” Many false teachers are here who are denying the deity of Christ.

Notice the next verse, verse 19, they, that is these false teachers:

v. 19 They departed from us, but they were not of us. For if they were of us, they would have remained with us; but [they departed], in order that they might be revealed that they all are not of us.

This verse is describing a picture of someone who is a false teacher. He has been associating with the believers but he is not of them by the very fact of what he is teaching and he makes the choice to depart because he is not of them.

We do the same thing sometimes when we have sin among believers. We send them off, shove them away from us at the greatest time that they need us to have the love and support that could be there to bring healing into their lives and to restore them to the body of Christ.

John is saying these false teachers departed from us. They were not of us. They had never come into a

personal relationship with Christ. They had snuck in unawares.

That is Galatians 2:4.

But it was because of the false brethren who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage.

And Paul recognized it in Philippians 3:17-19

Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.

And then Peter had the same experience.

2 Peter 2:22

It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A dog returns to its own vomit,” and, “A sow, after being washed, returns to wallowing in the mire.”

John says:

“THEY DEPARTED FROM US, BUT THEY WERE NOT OF US.”

Key words: FROM and OF.

You know what I think is in John's mind as he is penning these words? Has John ever had an experience where he has had to deal with something pretty painful like this? You know, yes, he did. Do you remember as they sat there in the upper room that night, he was leaning on Jesus' breast from the left, sitting as the guest of honor on the other side was JUDAS ISCARIOT. And Judas Iscariot was going to go out from them. He was WITH Christ but he was never IN Christ. He was WITH them but he departed FROM them.

And I think John kind of has in his mind this human experience, this traumatic sense of living with an individual who was trusted as the treasurer and was with Him for three years, and then he makes a choice basically a materialistic choice and he departs.

They are not of us. Judas certainly did that.

So here John I think has in his mind the very thought of what had happened with Judas Iscariot.

“FOR IF (reason) THEY WERE OF US, THEY WOULD HAVE REMAINED WITH US.”

There are a number of verses that we can talk about along this line. When Satan gets involved in a person's life and in a person's theology and in a person's teaching, there comes times for decision. There comes

rocky roads and there comes choices that are made and it really makes you sad inside.

Let me give you a few verses along that way.

2 Peter 3:17

You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness,

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 is the best passage of all.

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.

You know what is so sad is that you can have evangelical Christians who can be content to stay in their holy huddle and not be involved in reaching out to the lost and dying world and you have these cults just pouring the people out by the scores and paying a price.

It is not just that, it is what is happening in America while we are sitting around in our holy huddles . We are being bombarded:

BY SCIENTOLOGY,

BY THE MOONIES,

**BY THE GODDESS PRINCIPLE INTRODUCING THE
NEW AGE THOUGHT AND THE WHOLE AGENDA
THAT PUTS THAT TOGETHER,**

THE MORMONS,

THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES,

AND THE LIST GOES ON AND ON AND ON.

Yes we are living in "THE LAST HOUR."

**And what are we doing about it? What is happening in
our lives because of our fellowship with the Lord to
give us a passion to reach out to these people who are
being swept away.**

**I love Barbara Johnson. She can always give you the
bottom line. And in her new book *Pack Up Your
Gloomees* she says:**

**If It's Free, It's Advice;
If You Pay for It, It's Counseling;
If You Can Use Either One, It's a Miracle!**

**Professor Howard Hendricks tells this great story about
being confronted with a cult.**

One Sunday morning I was home recovering from surgery, when two men showed up at my house, one older, one younger man, both nicely dressed. “We’re visiting in the neighborhood today to talk with folks about God and religion,” they told me. “Could we come in?”

Curious, I said, “Sure, come on in.”

So we got involved in a conversation. They kept talking about a particular passage, and I kept saying “But that’s not what the Bible says.”

“Oh, yes it is,” the younger man insisted. “It’s in the Greek.” He didn’t know that I teach at a seminary.

So I asked, “What’s Greek got to do with it?”

“Well, Mr. Hendricks, apparently you don’t know that the New Testament was written in Greek.”

“Really,” I replied. “That fascinates me. Do you study Greek?”

He said, “Yes, it’s a part of our training program.”

“Good,” I replied, and handed him my Greek New Testament. I’d have given anything to have captured on tape what happened next. He fumbled with the text, trying to make sense out of it. The older man jumped in to try and bail him out. Finally I said, “Wait a minute,” and I read the passage to them, first in Greek, then in English, and said, “You see, it doesn’t say that. And it doesn’t mean that.”

The younger guy found that very interesting, but his older companion quickly hustled him out of there. (I’ve never been visited by that group since. No doubt they put the word out to stay away from Hendricks.) But that kind of thing goes on every day of the week, all over the world. The problem is not with the Word of

God. It's with misinterpretation of the text.

v. 20 And you yourselves are having an anointing from the Holy One, and you are knowing all things.

The very fact that you are walking in fellowship with the Lord means that you are filled with the Spirit and you have the indwelling teacher to guide you into truth. And John is saying when all is said and done the bottom line is you have had an anointing of the Spirit. That means that when you became a Christian you were indwelt permanently by the Spirit and He is now there as the Spirit of truth to guide you into all truth.

“AND YOU YOURSELVES ARE HAVING AN ANOINTING FROM THE HOLY ONE, AND YOU ARE KNOWING ALL THINGS.”

What is the difference between that kind of person and a person who is not a Christian?

1 Corinthians 2:14

The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God; they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

It is the Spirit of God who opens up the Word of God so that you might understand and comprehend it.

Do not come to me with this hot air that you know the book, that you read it once, that you have everything in your mind. Man, you have just ceased to grow, man. Everyday is an exciting new dimension of being taught by the Spirit of God to make us each more Christlike. And that is the function of the Holy Spirit to make us realize that it is there and to believe it.

Take time to let the Spirit guide you into truth. That is what He is there for. And John can trust the ministry of the Holy Spirit to do that.

v. 21 I am not writing to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because every lie is not out of the truth.

Now we have another contrast:

LIGHT – DARKNESS,

LOVE – HATRED,

THE FATHER – THE WORLD,

Now:

TRUTH and THE LIE.

They already know the truth.

John 8:32

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life.”

v. 22 Who is the liar if not the one who is denying that Jesus is the Christ? This one is the antichrist, [or this false teacher] the one who is denying the Father and the Son.

Now he defines the false teacher. The common denominator of all the major cults is their attitude about the person of Christ and they reject the deity of Jesus Christ and what He has done on Calvary's cross. It goes clear back to these days when John is even writing this that there are those who are denying that Jesus is the Christ and they are denying the Father and the Son.

I read a little article called “Caught in a Web.” This is the personal story of a young couple who got caught by a strong pastor who preached heresy and dominated his congregation. And then the article includes a sidebar with some questions that each of us needs to ask any religious group that we are affiliating with. And these were the questions that came up and I thought they were so instructive:

1) Do they value loyalty to Scripture more than loyalty to a person or organization? 2) Do they make everything that they believe public? 3) Do they

encourage high moral standards? 4) Do they respect each member's privacy? 5) Do they encourage members to give money and time as God leads and not according to strict, demanding rules? 6) Do they serve and interact with the larger Christian community? 7) Are members encouraged to think critically and to voice doubts? 8) Do they encourage members to build healthy relationships with friends and family? 9) Are members allowed to leave the group without being made to feel guilty?

You know if you just took those nine things you could save an awful lot of people from an awful lot of havoc when it comes to the danger of getting caught up in these things.

v. 23 Everyone who is denying the Son is not having the Father; the one who is confessing the Son is having the Father also.

Why? The Father and the Son are one.

In John 14:8, 9 I think probably the most difficult question that was ever asked Jesus by the disciples was that question by Philip. "Lord, show us the Father and it is enough for us." And then Jesus says, "Have I been so long a time with you and you have not known Me, Philip."

You cannot choose and say "I have the Father and I don't have the Son" or "I have the Son and I don't have the Father." They are one and therefore it helps us to

recognize **“THE ONE WHO IS CONFESSING THE SON IS HAVING THE FATHER ALSO”**.

And THERE IS NO NEUTRAL GROUND.

v. 24 As for you, that which you heard from the beginning, let it be abiding in you. If that which you heard from the beginning is abiding in you, you also are abiding in the Son and in the Father.

What had they heard from the beginning? They had heard the message of the Lord Jesus Christ and His death on Calvary's cross. They had come to know Him. And John is just saying “let that keep on abiding in you and as the Spirit of God dwells there let Him guide you into truth.”

I put it down this way in trying to summarize my thoughts at this point.

It is God's desire that we be **SUPERSENSITIVE SAINTS**, sensitive to the Spirit of God and the truth of God.

v. 25 And this is the promise which He Himself promised us: [*and that is*] the life eternal.

He promised that He would give life and He certainly has done that.

I read a funny little deal the other day that was trying to describe God. It says:

God is like Coke . . . He's the real thing.
God is like Pan Am . . . He makes the going great.
God is like General Electric . . . He lights your path.
God is like Bayer Aspirin . . . He works wonders.
God is like Hallmark Cards . . . He cared enough to send
the very best.
God is like Tide . . . He gets the stains out that others
leave behind.
God is like VO5 Hair Spray . . . He holds through all
kinds of weather.
God is like Dial Soap . . . Aren't you glad you know Him?
Don't you wish everyone did?
God is like Sears . . . He has everything.
God is like Alka Seltzer . . . Try Him, you'll like Him.
God is like Scotch Tape . . . You can't see Him, but you
know He's there.

v. 26 These things I am writing to you concerning
those who are leading you astray.

In 1 John 3:7 we read these words:

Little children, let no one keep on leading you
astray; the one who is doing righteousness is
righteous, even as that one is righteous.

Do not let anyone lead you astray.

If you want a blessing and you are into reading biographies you need to read *Come Back* by Dave Dravecky. Now here is a guy that has lost his arm, he is a pitcher for the San Francisco Giants. Dravecky finally made a come back after they took out many of the muscles and he pitched successfully only for two games and then in the sixth inning in Montreal his whole arm shattered and that was the end of the day.

Now Darvecky has written another book *When You Can't Come Back* and in this book he describes the struggle that he has gone through. Here is a guy who is hurting so bad, as a young believer he is trying to find meaning and purpose with no arm hanging on his body anymore. And this is what he says:

We struggled daily in that wilderness to get our bearings. That's not an easy thing to do when you're surrounded with empty horizons, deceptive mirages, and shifting sand.

As we stumbled our way through this trackless desert we encountered plenty of people who pointed out directions. The only problem was that we had people pointing in so many directions, we didn't know which way was up. Proverbs says that "in an abundance of counselors there is victory." There can also be confusion. Anyway, confusion is what we experienced with some of the counselors that came offering advice.

We had a few days before we had to go to New York for my surgery, so I took the time to read through some of the mail. The majority of mail I have received has

been positive and encouraging. But a few of the letters were unsettling. They came from sincere people, I'm sure, people like the man below who just wanted to help:

Dear Dave,
I'm writing to you in hope that you'll receive the Word of God in faith and receive your total healing. I should have wrote you a year ago but I felt you knew the Word of Faith. Then I heard you on James Dobson and realized you were going to lose your healing by what you were saying. . . .
Dave, you could be still pitching if you don't reject this teaching and you act immediately. . . .
A lot of religious teachers condemn this message but praise God it works every time, because it's God's living Word. . . .
The Bible says ye were healed by Jesus' stripes. "Were" is past tense so it's already done! Jesus bore our sicknesses and diseases for us, the Bible says. Jesus healed everyone who asked it of Him while He was on earth. God's will for us is health every time. . . .
He loves us all and He will heal any believer who has faith in what He's provided for us in His Word.

And then the letter went on to quote numerous passages of Scripture.

And you will read page after page after page as he tries to describe the horrible experience of accepting the fact that God was in all of this and going to use it for His

glory and honor.

Now verse 27 is the **KEY VERSE** to the **STUDY** and we are going to wrap up here.

v. 27 As for you, the anointing which you received from Him [*that is the indwelling Spirit*] is abiding in you, and you are not having need that anyone keep on teaching you; but even as His anointing is teaching you concerning all things, and is true and is not a lie, and even as He taught you, keep on abiding in Him.

Principle:

“FELLOWSHIP IS BEING EDUCATED BY HIS SPIRIT.”

John 7:17

If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak of Myself.

I think one of the cutest little stories that I ran across was an essay of a ten year old boy trying to describe, as a result of observation and interpretation, a cow. And hear is the way he wrote it. And this describes me of many theological suppositions that I read so often from the text of Scripture.

The Cow is a mammal. It has six sides: right, left and

upper, and below. At the back it has a tail on which hangs a brush. With this it sends the flies away so that they do not fall into the milk.

The head is for the purpose of growing horns and so that the mouth can be somewhere. The horns are to butt with and the mouth is to moo with.

Under the Cow hangs the milk. It is arranged for milking. When people milk, the milk comes, and there is never an end to the supply. How the Cow does it, I have not yet realized, but it makes more and more.

The Man Cow is called an Ox. It is not a mammal.

The Cow does not eat much, but what it eats it eats twice, so that it gets enough. And when it is hungry, it moos. And when it says nothing, it is because its inside is all filled up with grass.

Great, great insight on the mammal but how much do you know about a cow now that you have heard it. And too many times when we hear message after message after message this is the kind of confusion that prevails.

Are you desirous to know the truth? Are you following the principles of truth? John is teaching us here that.

We need to be ABIDING IN CHRIST.

We need to be DEPENDING UPON HIM.

**We need to be TAUGHT THESE THINGS BY THE
INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Now may I ask you, are you in right relationship to the
Spirit of God today?**

**Does this study, as I bring these thoughts to a close,
find you grieving the Holy Spirit because there is sin in
your life that you have not dealt with? And right now
by the very fact that I am talking about it, you know
what it is and you know the Spirit of God is grieved.**

**Is there some area of your life where you are quenching
the Holy Spirit because you are saying “no” right now?
You are not willing to turn that over to Him? Well then,
and thank You Spirit of God for blowing like a mighty
wind in the upper room.**

**Is it perhaps the reason you are out of fellowship today
and you are being tossed to and fro is you are not
experiencing the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit as
you read the Bible? You open it, you read it and it is
dry and dusty and you do not get anything out of it.
That is not the Bible’s problem. That is yours and your
relationship to the Holy Spirit.**

Ephesians 5:18 says be filled with the Spirit.

**But the only way that can become a reality is for you
first to deal with the negative to experience the
positive.**

And then the Scripture instructs us walk by means of the Spirit and then you will begin to gain victory in these areas of your life. You will not fulfill the desires of the flesh.

How about it? Maybe God brought you to this study to avail yourself of that wonderful Teacher who dwells within you because you are a believer but you are not availing yourself of Him simply because of your spiritual condition.

Somebody said:

As we surrender to the Lord and are submissive to the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, we can be assured that we will be guided into all truth.

God does not arrange compromises. He does it His way.

Barbara Johnson says:

I'm perfectly willing to compromise, but God wants to have everything His own way.

And when you learn that you know you are going to become a happy individual.

You are dealing with a sovereign God who has every right and that is what He wants.

I conclude with a warning and a statement from Rufus

Moseley:

People who consistently reject God's Word by refusing to repent increase daily the likelihood of coming to an unhappy end in life. George Bernard Shaw, who as a young man repudiated the Gospel, became increasingly hostile to it as he grew older. On the flyleaf of a Bible he sold to an auctioneer 4 years before his death is this inscription: "Except as a curiosity, this book is a most undesirable possession. I must get rid of it. I really cannot bear it in my house!" The reports concerning his death indicate that he died without a ray of hope.

Rufus Moseley said surrender is "a happy yielding to God's initiative."

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LESSON #8: There are many who will lead you astray if you pay attention to what they are teaching.

LESSON #9: It is the Spirit of God who is teaching us all things.

LESSON #10: Keep on abiding in Him.

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NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 John 2:18-27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What do you think John means by the term “last hour” in verse 18?

3. What does John mean by the term “anointing” in verse 20?

4. How is a “liar” described in verse 22?

5. How are those who are “denying” and those who are “confessing the Son” described in verse 23?

6. What is the safeguard in verse 24 against false teaching?

7. What have we been promised, according to verse 25?

8. Describe the Holy Spirit's function, according to verse 27.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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LESSON #9: It is the Spirit of God who is teaching us all things.

LESSON #10: Keep on abiding in Him.