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AN AUTHENTIC BELIEVER: REMAINS FAITHFUL

1 JOHN 2:24-28

**1 John 2:18-23 (NASB)**   
18  Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out,* so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.   
21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.   
22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.   
23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

**1 John 2:24-28 (ESV)**   
24  Let 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. 25  And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

26  I 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.   
28  And 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.

1. What is this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**John 16:13-14 (NASB)**   
13  "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.   
14  "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

**Ephesians 4:11-13 (NASB)**   
11  And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, 12  for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13  until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Now this anointing is intended to facilitate our ABIDING in Christ.

1. What is meant by the word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

* Greek word meno; it means to stay, abide, remain. It is also translated in the NT as await, continue, endure, lasting, living, stand, waiting.
* So as the anointing abides in us, so we are to abide in Him.

**John 15:1-5 (NASB)**   
1  "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2  "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.   
3  "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4  "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. 5  "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** do we abide in Him?

**John 15:10-12 (NASB)**   
10  "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11  "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. 12  "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

* Keep His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one another.

**1 John 3:11 (NASB)**   
11  For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

1. What are some other key \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we are to abide in or remain faithful to?

* **Abiding** **means we continue to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ the deity of Jesus**

**John 1:1-4 (NASB)**   
1  In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2  He was in the beginning with God.   
3  All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.   
4  In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

**John 1:14 (NASB)**   
14  And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**1 John 4:15 (NASB)**   
15  Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

* **Abiding means continuing to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.**

**John 8:31-32 (NASB)**   
31  So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine;   
32  and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

* **Abiding means we are to continue to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him**

**1 John 3:24 (ESV)**   
24  Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

**Matthew 7:21 (ESV)**   
21  “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

* **Abiding means we are relating in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the community of believers, the body of Christ.**

**John 13:34-35 (NASB)**   
34  "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.   
35  "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Christians are born fighters, they will either fight the devil or they will fight each other.*

Leonard Ravenhill

**We should ask ourselves:**

1. How am I doing in my abiding in Christ?
2. Am I keeping His commandments, which are summed up in loving God with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving one another?

You can settle that question today.

**Response:**

**What is God speaking to me?**

**Specifically, how will I obey Him?**