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# 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:21-23

*Truth & Falsehoods, Part I*



# I John 2: 21-23

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.



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1. ***First, let's go back to Verse 20 for the context of 21:***

***20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.***

- a) There was a good comment after last week's class: I didn't properly highlight the "BUT YOU"
- b) 'but you' is an emphatic pronoun & conjunction to highlight **the stark contrast between** the "**you**" believers who are have Christ's anointment of the Holy Spirit to:

The non-anointed ones in opposition to Christ's deity, humanity and atoning work: the **antichrists**, the ("**they**") from Verses 18-19

Review/paraphrase of Verses 18-19:

the antichrists are here and there are more to come. They went out from us, but they were not sourced from us and have separated from us, and their false unitarian doctrine has been made manifest by God because they separated from us doctrinally and physically.

Unitarianism: belief in God, Jehovah, one God, but not the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, ie. Not trinity, but unity



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Review:

of Epistle of 1<sup>st</sup> John's ***antichrist***: Whomever has the spirit/quality of:

- Departs from the Truth (2:19) (McCalley)
- Denies: Jesus Christ's: Messiahship (salvation, kingship) (1 Jn 2:22)
- Denies: the Father God (2:22)
- Denies: the Sonship of Jesus (2:22)
- Denies: the Deity / divine origin of Christ (1 Jn 4:3);
- Denies: Jesus' humanity (came bodily in the flesh) (1 Jn 4:2)



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## McCalley's Re-write of Verse 21, to make it bring out the Greek plain reading:

- His re-write centers around the meaning of 'because': can be either 'causal' or 'declarative' — both McCalley and Wuest prefer the declarative:

***"I have not **written** to you: "You do not know the truth," but I have written to you: "You do know (the truth)," and because no lie is of the truth."***

- So it is repeating the information from verse 20's" *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.*
- But repeating it in the negative and declaratively for maximum effect, in a "let me restate it once again" fashion



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## McCalley’s comment on John’s writing style:

- John repeats information often, but with each new repetition, he advances a little more information, like waves on a seashore
- John advances the statement: “you all know” (note: not “you know all”), with this NEW INFORMATION: *and because no lie is of the truth*

## Charles Clough’s comment on John’s writing style:

- John’s history with Jesus as a young mentee of the Great Mentor
- John has very similar speaking pattern to the Lord, perhaps absorbing His speaking pattern
- John’s fidelity and closeness to the Lord: (a) no denials, (b) with Him at Death (c) fiduciary: entrusted with caring for His earthly mother (d) the disciple whom Jesus loved



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## 'because' or 'that' no lie is of the truth: the new information

SUPPORT OF the new Information is From John Chapter 14, 15 and 4

14:15-17: *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; that is the **Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive**, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you [set to music: <https://youtu.be/Y1WwNSfCom8>]*

14:26: *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.***

15:26: *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*

4:23-24: *But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”*



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## 'because' or 'that' no lie is of the truth:

- Christ has sent the H.S. ‘The Spirit of truth’; and he did that by the anointing (Vs. 20: ***But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.***)
- Anointing = ***chrisma*** And how interesting it is that Jesus’ title name, Christ is derived from ***chrisma***, and ‘Christ’ means ‘the Anointed One.’
- “I am the Way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6)— Jesus establishes Himself as the truth.
- Jesus Christ’s absolute righteous, infinite character demands that there is no lie in him
- “of the truth” in Vs. 21 is ***ek ho alētheia***, so no lie is “out of the truth”
- Verse 22, then, gives us the exact opposite





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## The source of the antichrist lie:

- ‘The liar’ has a def. article to points to a genuine article of one who lies, and that would be found in John 8:44: ***“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”***
- ”of your father the devil”: is *ek out of*.
- Verse 22: John now reveals who the antichrist is: one that denies that Jesus Christ. He also adds the denial of the Father for additional information
- Q: If the antichrist spirit, which comes out of its father—the father of lies (the Devil)— results in/ produces lies, then what is the antithesis to Satan and his lies?
- Jesus Christ, the Truth— out from Him comes all truth (and no lies) next we will look at the proofs



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## The Source of Truth & the Spirit of Truth, Jesus Christ:

- Jn 1:14: His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Jn 1:17 . . . . grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.
- Eph 4:21: if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,
- I Jn 5:6: It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.
- Rev 19:11: And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.
- Rev 3:7: “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:
- Rev 3:14: “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:
- Rev 6:10: and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”



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## Denying and Confessing:

1. 'Whoever denies the son': Wuest states it: 'the one denying' in a habitual manner
2. 'confesses': is saying the same thing as another, expressing agreement
3. Here are some proofs/antidotes against those antichrists who deny the Son:
  - a) *"Therefore everyone who **confesses** Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever **denies** Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven. (Mat. 10:32-33)*
  - b) *"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as **We are one**; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, **so that the world may know that You sent Me**, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. (John 17:22-23)*
  - c) *And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His **nature**, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Heb. 1:3)*
  - d) "nature" = **hypostasis**: is substance; reality; substantial quality- really expresses the "oneness" in John 17; God the Father and God the Son are the exact same substance (this word led early theologians to come up with the word, "trinity")



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# Final Thoughts:

- We have the unction/ anointing from the Holy One, Christ who gives us the Holy Spirit. We are anointed as royal priests, in a living, vital union with our High Priest, King, Saviour and Life, the Lord Jesus Christ
- The very name “Jesus Christ” gives that He is from the Father and refutes the claims of antichrist, and gives His atoning work: Jesus (Jehovah saves), Christ (the Anointed one); the Anointed One from God the Father who saves. Before it was codensed: people used to say it this way: ‘Jehoshua “is the” Christ’
- *But we have received an anointing from God — we need no human teaching, only divine. Some one comes to you and claims to have discovered some wondrous truth in Theosophy, Spiritism, Christian Science, [Unitarianism]. You are not to be tempted to inquire; the unction you have already received teaches you. There is nothing beyond that. Notice, too, it is the babe who has this unction. It is no question of attainment, or even of experience; it is a divine instinct enabling us to detect and refuse error. We recognize it as not truth, for it does not give us the Christ of God; therefore we reject it. This anointing abides in us **and teaches us to abide in Christ our Lord.*** Ridout, Samuel: The Holy Spirit, Lecture 3
- The greater subject of John in these verses is walking in the Light, and to appropriate and enjoy fellowship with God & the Son, and each other . . . We can boldly claim Jesus Christ as our own possession: *Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”* Gal. 4:3. An intimate, family relationship indeed.....