

Today's Passage: 1 John 2:18-27

# 2 Inward Safeguards Against False Teachers

1. Abide in the Truth, vs 24-25

2. Abide in the Spirit, vs 26-27

### New Testament Response to False Teachers

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- Avoid them (Rom 16:17, 2 Tim 2:16, 2 Jn 10)
- Hold fast to the truth (1 Jn 4:5, Acts 20:32, Col 2:8-15, Gal 1:11, 2 Tim 3:14, 2 Jn 8-9, Jude 20-21)
- Grow in the truth (2 Pet 3:11, 17-18)
- Eagerly await the Lord's return (2 Pet 3:12, Jude 14-15)
- Trust in the Lord (2 Pet 2:9, Acts 20:32, Gal 1:11, 2 Tim 3:14, Jude 20-21)

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Working definition of false teachers – People in the Church disguised as apostles and servants of righteousness who draw away many from the sound doctrine of the gospel through various means including signs and wonders, heretical teachings, emotions, philosophy and tradition, speculation and vain discussion, made up holiness and twisted scriptures and their end is destruction.

### 5 Traits of False Teachers:

- 1) They are Anti-Christ, vs 18.
- 2) They are Not Apostolic, vs 19.
- 3) They are Not Anointed with the Spirit, vs 20.
- 4) They are Alienated from the truth, vs 21.
- 5) They are Anti-Trinitarian, vs 22-23.

## 7 Simple Statements to Help us Understand the Trinity

- There is one God, Deut 6:4, 1 Tim 1:17
- The Father is God, Eph 4:6
- The Son is God, Col 2:9
- The Holy Spirit is God, Acts 5:3-4
- The Father is not the Son, 1 Pet 1:2, 2 Cor 13:14, Matt 28:19
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