

# Anointing Revisited

Scripture: **1 John 2:26–27**

Series: **Doctrine and Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

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## Overview

Our hope is not in ourselves, but in our God. Our hope to abide and remain faithful until the end is in our God, the Holy Spirit who abides in us.

## Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt like you don't have what it takes to make it as a Christian—to abide in Christ until the end? Share truth and/or Scripture that has brought you comfort and confidence during these times.
2. John says he is writing “these things” about those who are trying to deceive his readers. The danger of false teaching is a theme of John’s letter. Discuss (perhaps again) deceptions we, as Christians, encounter today. Remember that they can often be subtle.
3. As Christians, we are protected from the ultimate destruction of false teaching because we have been anointed—John brings this up in both verses 20 and 27. What is this anointing that John refers to? [the Holy Spirit] Seth mentioned two “roles” of the Holy Spirit, in particular as it relates to 1 John—what are they? [leading us to the truth and away from lies]
4. Discuss what John means (and doesn't mean) by “you have no need that anyone should teach you” as well as “his anointing teaches you about everything.” Why is it important we interpret these passages correctly?
5. Seth stated that if we want to truly abide, we need to be **led by the Spirit** and **listen to the Spirit**; however, if we're honest, we often don't and are prone to wander. Instead:
  - a. We're often led by fear instead of God. Can you relate to this? If so, how does being led by fear manifest itself in your life? Can you think of decisions you've made out of fear?
  - b. We try to “take the lead” ourselves—this goes back to Genesis 1 with Adam and Eve. In what areas of your life are you prone to wanting to be in control?
  - c. Can you think of other ways by which we choose to be led instead of by God's Spirit that He has given us?
6. When we don't fail to abide as we are called to—and we will fail—what is our hope? [There is grace and forgiveness in Jesus, and by God's grace and the Holy Spirit we can repent and turn from our wandering. God doesn't command us to abide then leave us on our own – we have been anointed with the Spirit and God Himself dwells in us – this should cause both humility and hope!]