

The First Epistle of John

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we focus on the third section of John's first epistle – **2:18-27** – which focuses on identifying the lies that would divert John's readers from the light he has described in the first two sections.

This section can be divided into two sub-sections:

Read 1 John 2:18-19

- ☞ How does John say his readers can know it is the last hour? (**2:18**).
- ☞ These "many antichrists" had come from within the church or from outside the church? (**2:19**).
- ☞ How did these people prove that they "did not really belong to us"? (**2:19**).

Read 1 John 2:20-27

- ☞ How does John contrast those who have "remained with us" to those who hadn't? (**2:20**).
- ☞ What was John convinced that his readers knew? (**2:21**).
- ☞ Who does John describe as being "antichrist" (**2:22**).
- ☞ Who is it that does *not* have the Father and who is it that *has* the Father? (**2:23**).
- ☞ What is required for John's readers to remain in the Father and the Son? (**2:24**).
- ☞ What is it that God has promised those who remain in the Father and the Son? (**2:25**).
- ☞ For those who remain in the Father and the Son, what remains in them? (**2:27**).
- ☞ Why did John's readers not need anyone to teach them (referring to those teachers that were leading them astray)? (**2:27**).
- ☞ What does this anointing teach us? (**2:27**).

Memory Verse

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit – just as it has taught you, remain in him.

1 John 2:27

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!