

1 JOHN SERIES

THE TEST OF PERSEVERANCE

1 John 2:24-28

I. TO PERSEVERE, WE MUST ABIDE IN THE WORD OF GOD! (24-28)

1. You will never abide in the Word if you do not believe it's true.
2. If you want Truth go to Jesus; go to the Word of God.
3. Abide means to live in it. (Eph 4:14)
4. Scripture is the anchor that keeps us from being blown about.
5. The way we respond is an index to what we really believe is true.
6. God's Truth radically changes the way you think about life!
7. When you truly believe the Truth you *live* in it. (Col 3:16; Eph 5:19)

II. TO PERSEVERE IN CHRIST, WE ARE TO ABIDE IN HIM (v 27)

1. John is referring to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Jn 14:25-26)
2. Jesus told them the Father was sending another teacher to them.
3. The author of the Word Himself indwells us to reveal to us the understanding of His Truth! (1 Thes 5:24; Jer 31:33-34)
4. When the anointing from God abides in you...you abide in Him.

III. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US TO ABIDE IN HIM?

1. It means to rely on the Holy Spirit and to yield to His influences.
2. The Holy Spirit is going to *influence* us in the ways of His grace.
3. Abiding in Him is yielding to the influence of the Spirit's Leadership.
4. Saying "no" to the Holy Spirit's promptings is saying "No" to God. (John 6:38)