

***Let's Dismiss our Kids
to Kid's Quest!***



Our Text:

I John 2:18-27!

Our Title:

The Test of True Fellowship!

Our Theme:

Fellowship!

John's Teaching About Fellowship Is Nothing New!

Deuteronomy 6:5-13

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up ... and when your houses are full of all good things which you did not fill, and your cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be satisfied ... you will fear only the Lord your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

John's Teaching About Fellowship Is Nothing New!

Leviticus 19:18

You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

I John 4:20

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

Let's Read the Text!

I John 2:18-27!



Let's Continue to Build Upon the Text!

The Setting:



So John will write to help the believer survive by encouraging him to stand strong in the midst of a world that opposes Christ!

The Application!

This morning John is asking each of us (believers) to evaluate our lives. To ask ourselves the question, “Just how well are we doing when it comes to fulfilling our heavenly calling while living in a world that opposes and rejects Christ?”

And with the hope and goal of challenging and exhorting us on to action, he will focus our attention on the key to success – Fellowship! And at the same time, John reminds us that fellowship with the Father is impossible without a correct understanding of the Incarnate One!

Our Approach to this Section!

Best Explained By Last Week's Illustration!



The CONDUCT Resulting from Fellowship:

- 1. (2:3-11) The CONCLUSION (Stop / Danger)!
Fellowship is proven through Obedience.***
- 2. (2:12-17) The COMMENTARY (Reason Why)!
Obedience is the result of Love.***
- 3. (2:18-27) The CREED (Affirmation)!
Love is the key to Fellowship!***

Let's Continue Our Journey In The Text!

C. (2:18-27) The CREED:

A summary of beliefs or teachings!

The Creed is Expressed in Three Points:

1. (v.18) John begins with a Warning!
2. (vs.19-21) John continues with the War!
3. (vs.22-27) John closes with
words of Wisdom!

Let's Continue Our Journey In The Text!

C. (2:18-27) The CREED!

1. (v.18) John begins with a Warning!

Here the apostle builds upon the warning already given in verses 15-17!

a. (v.15) Beware of the snare/trap of the evil one.

b. (v.16) Because the world's love is a fake love.

c. (v.17) Be discerning knowing the world is
passing away.

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C. (2:18-27) The CREED!

1. (v.18a) John begins by Warming Up to his readers:

- a. Children – Not “talos” (toddler / v.12)
- b. But “paidia” (general term / identify with family)
- c. In this verse John is challenging his readers to Grow-up by realizing their new found relationship with the Father as a result of their understanding of the Incarnate One. (cf. 4:4)

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C. (2:18-27) The CREED!

1. (v.18a) John begins by Warming Up to his readers!
2. (v.18b) John continues by telling his readers to Wake-Up:
 - a. Why? Because it is the “last Hour.” This is a term used to identify the period of time between Christ’s first and second coming to earth.
 - b. Wake-Up! Because just as you have heard that antichrist is coming, many have already appeared. Wake-up! Christ is returning!

The Coming of Antichrist! (Revelation 13)

Both the Old and New Testaments anticipate the coming of a man who will rise to power in the final days prior to Christ's second coming. This man will be Satan's counterfeit to the true King of kings and Lord of lords. Through the power of the evil one he will be able to unite governments and religions. He will also control the world's financial systems (mark of the beast / 666) and control the world's most powerful armies (seven kings or nations will support him).

The Coming of Antichrist!

The Four Major Passages:

Ezekiel 28:1-10:

He is found lifting himself up as God!

Daniel 9:27:

He will become recognized by his promise to bring peace to the Middle East by means of a seven year peace covenant with Israel. But in the midst of the treaty he will break his promise and seek to destroy God's people.

The Coming of Antichrist!

The Four Major Passages:

II Thessalonians 2:4-10:

He is now being hindered from coming to power by the one who “restrains.”

Revelation 13:1-8:

He will arise from the Gentile nations and will receive a deadly head wound. But will miraculously recover causing the world to serve him and worship him as god.

Let's Continue Our Journey In The Text!

C. (2:18-27) The **CREED!**

2. (v.18b) John continues by telling
his readers to **Wake-Up!**

3. (v.18c) John ends by calling for them
to **Wise-Up!**

Since you have been warned, since you see the prophesied events happening all around you, why are you surprised by the struggles you now face.

Let's Continue Our Journey In The Text!

1. (v.18) John begins with a Warning!

2. (vs.19-21) John builds on the War:

Because of the constant attacks upon God's people from within and without, John will now address some of the difficult times they face.

a. (v.19) The Conflict: Struggle between lust and love!

He focuses on three points of conflict:

1.) The Reality – the believer is God's possession.

2.) The Reason – the unbeliever belongs to Satan.

3.) The Result – Truth and doctrine always divide.

Let's Continue Our Journey In The Text!

1. (v.18) Summary begins with a Warning!
2. (vs.19-21) Summary builds on the War:
 - a. (v.19) The Conflict: Struggle between lust and love!
 - b. (v.20) The Comfort: Given by means of contrast!
 - 1.) The Premise – John 3:16.
 - 2.) The Promise – John 14:15-17.
 - 3.) The Point – John 14:6.
 - 4.) The Preaching – I John 1:17 / 2:1-2 / 5:13.

Let's Continue Our Journey In The Text!

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2. (vs.19-21) Summary builds on the **War:**
 - a. (v.19) The **Conflict:** Struggle between lust and love!
 - b. (v.20) The **Comfort:** Given by means of contrast!
 - c. (v.21) The **Clarification:** I am reminding you about what you already know through personal experience so that you will discern between what we the apostles teach and what the apostates preach. Remember there is a difference between those who “talk the walk” and those who “walk the talk.” Look to follow those who follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

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Let's Continue Our Journey In The Text!

2. (vs.19-21) Summary: Expressed by the War!
3. (vs.22-27) Summary: Expressed in words of Wisdom!
 - a. (vs.22-23) Be Cautious: There will always be those who oppose my message of truth.
 1. (v.22) They reject the truth that Jesus is the promised Incarnate One.
 2. (v.23) By their rejection or acceptance you will know who knows the Father.

Let's Continue Our Journey In The Text!

2. (vs.19-21) A Summary: Expressed by the War!

3. (vs.22-27) A Summary: Expressed in words
of Wisdom!

a. (vs.22-23) Be Cautious!

b. (vs.24-25) Be Comforted!: You can know
that you now

have fellowship with the Father because the Holy Spirit abides in you. Your faith in Jesus (for salvation) and submission to the Holy Spirit (for sanctification) are proof of your obedience – love – fellowship!

Let's Continue Our Journey In The Text!

3. (vs.22-27) A Summary: Expressed in words
of Wisdom!

a. (vs.22-23) Be Cautious!

b. (vs.24-25) Be Comforted!

c. (vs.26-27) Be Clear: I am writing so that
you will not be

deceived into following a lie. God has
equipped you so that you will not be fooled.

As we await His return, walk in the light of
His truth. Do not blend into the darkness but
let your light shine before all men.

John's Purpose for Writing!

To encourage the believer to remain faithful!

To exhort the believer to reject false teaching!

To help the believer escape worldly temptation!

To aid the believer as he exercises the truth!

In this passage John reminds his readers that our reaction to the daily conflicts in this world should reveal to us who we belong to.

John is calling for us to take a step back and evaluate if we are walking in the light or blending into the darkness.

The Outline of I John!

- I. (1:1-2:2) The **CONDITIONS** needed
for fellowship.
- II. (2:3-27) The **CONDUCT** resulting
from fellowship.
- III. (2:28-3:24) The **CHARACTERISTICS**
produced in fellowship.
- IV. (4:1-21) The **CAUTION** when
seeking fellowship.
- V. (5:1-21) The **CONSEQUENCES**
of true fellowship.