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- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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John now presses his readers to identify what the false teachers really are, and from whom their errant doctrine of Christ comes: the lying Serpent of old, the enemy of God and so of them! John drives a wedge between his dear readers and the false teachers and doctrines, to split them so there is no fellowship at all there. He also gives them great encouragement: They have the Holy Spirit, the true teacher! And he gives them a goal: Abide in Christ so you can have confidence of approval and full reward at the Bema.

V18-19, *Children – Paidion – learners... listen to my instructions:*

The AntiChrist is coming (future)... many antiChrists (now). These are the fore-runners of the final Man of Sin who will appear, seeking to replace the real Jesus with himself. (2 Thess 2:3-4) The *Last Hour*... the sunset of this present age. This reality is to set the sober tone and awareness that believers, full of Eternal Life, should have in this time in history. It is ultimately terminal and will be replaced by the Kingdom of Christ at His return.

V19, *They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us;* “Us” here is the believing community: The faithful believers, the churches, (includes the apostles). The errant, unorthodox teachers had departed to start their own movement and gatherings, but it had left a lot of damage behind with confusion and hurt. They had formed a cult of false Jesus.

The damage and confusion is the bad news, the good news is that the Holy Spirit uses such departures to help believers and churches to develop, articulate and pass on sound, godly doctrine and practice. This is the lesson of church history.

V20-22, *anointing – Chrisma (same root as “Christ” which means, “the anointed One”)* This is the Holy Spirit who Christ promised believers (John 14:15-17).

and you all know (oida) – Each believer, because of the Word and the Spirit, because we are born again, know the Son and the Father and their relationship and our forgiven standing in the Son before the Father, and we know it as established fact (oida). In other words, all false teachers and doctrines that deny Christ as the Son of the Father coming in the flesh, these can and should be set aside as liars (v21) and antiChrists (v22), fellowship denied to them... because we know!

V23, *denies the Son does not have the Father... confesses the Son has the Father also.*

V24, Here we have an urging, a command if you will, to let or have the truth about the Father and the Son which they've heard and been rightly taught, to abide, to take up residence and to remain in them. This means it is possible for true Christians to at least temporarily allow this to not happen. If this is neglected, delusion is possible.

V25, A word of great encouragement and assurance: They *have* the Divine promise of Eternal Life! Since that's true, there's good reason to have confidence that abiding in Him will be of true benefit and good.

V26-27, Recap about the false teachers. And the fact of the permanent abiding of the Holy Spirit in them. He ends with a command based on that: *Abide in him, y'all!*

V28, John now switches to “little children” -teknia, indicating that they are born of God, His offspring, having His seed, the Holy Spirit indwelling them permanently.

He urges them to abide in Christ, in view of His appearing at the rapture and the subsequent Bema seat judgment for reward. “Confidence” is opposed to “Shrinking away from Him in shame”. Notice the “we” here. (2 Cor 5:9-10, 1 Cor 3:1-15, 1 John 4:17-19)

v29, We can identify by the visible practice of faithful believers, those abiding, the outward manifestation that they are children born of God.