

1Jn2:24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

2:25 And this is the promise that He has promised us-eternal life.

2:26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.

2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

2:29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

[From today's sermon.

It has been a while since we have returned to the Epistle of John. Going back a little earlier in today's passage, we read in verses 22 and 23: "Who is a liar?

Who is he that denieth that he is the Christ of Jesus? Is he not he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He who denies the Father and the Son is the Antichrist...He who denies the Son has not the Father, but he who confesses the Son also has the Father."

And in today's passage we also find the following. "They that deceive thee," "falsehood," and "being ashamed before Him at His coming."

We have the power of deceit and falsehood working in us to separate us from what we have heard from the beginning, to separate us from the Father and the Son.

On the other hand, the word of blessing says: "He who confesses the Son, confesses the Father.

"He who confesses the Son has the Father also." "If what you have heard from the beginning... remains in you... you remain in the Son and in the Father."

This... is the promise... of eternal life.

'In him you do not need to be taught... as the oil which Christ gave you teaches you... abide in him.

He said, "Children. Remain in Christ... so that when he appears you may be confident... and not be ashamed before him.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (oil) work to hold us together, never letting go. Stay, God tells us, stay. That is our lifeline. That is "doing righteousness.

Good morning, everyone.

June has finally come to the end of the month. Okinawa, southern Kyushu, and Shikoku have entered the rainy season, but here in the Chugoku region, the rainy season has yet to begin. We are already 10 days behind the average. Last year, the rainy season started even earlier, on May 29.

Even though it is before the rainy season, it is still hot during the daytime with temperatures exceeding 30° C (86° F), so please take care of yourselves. Please be careful to drink plenty of water and avoid heat stroke.

Now, we are back to John's letters after a long absence.

Let us review chapters 1 and 2.

1:1 Concerning that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at closely and touched with our hands, the word of life--

1:2 For this life has appeared, and this eternal life we have seen, and bear witness of, and proclaim to you. This eternal life, which was with the Father, is now manifested to us-- 1:3

1:3 That is, what we have seen and heard, we proclaim to you also. 1:4 And we will preach to you also the things which we have seen and heard, that you may be partakers of our fellowship. Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

2:1 My children, write these things down. I write these things so that you may not sin. If anyone sins, the Father has a helper for us, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2:2 He is an offering of atonement for our sins. Not only for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world.

2:3 If we keep his commandments, we shall thereby realize that we know him.

2:4 He who says, "I know him," and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

2:5 But if anyone keeps his word, in him is the love of God truly fulfilled. By it we know that we are in Him.

2:6 He that saith, "In Him," ought himself to walk, even as He walked.

2:9 He who says, "I am in the light," and yet hates his brother, is still in darkness.

2:10 He that loveth his brother is in the light, and shall not stumble.

2:11 He that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not where he goeth. For the darkness has blinded his eyes.

2:17 The world and the lusts of the world pass away. But he who does the will of God will abide forever.

2:18 O children! Now is the time of the end. Just as you have long heard that the Antichrist is coming, so now many Antichrists have appeared. Know then that this is the time of the end.

2:19 They have gone out from us; they have gone out from us, and we have gone out from them. But they did not belong to us. If they had belonged, they would have remained with us. But they went out that it might be made manifest that by nature they all do not belong to us.

2:20 But since you have been anointed with the Holy One, all of you know that

2:21 I write not because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it; and ye know that all falsehood is not of the truth.

2:22 Who is a liar? Is he not he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He that denieth the Father and the Son is the Antichrist.

2:23 He that denieth the Son hath not the Father: but he that confesseth the Son also hath the Father.

2:2 He is an offering of atonement for our sins. But not only for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Jesus went to the cross and made atonement for us, for this world fallen into sin. And now, after we are saved, He is leading us to live a new life.

2:6 Whoever says, "I am in Him," should himself walk as He walked.

2:9 He who says, "I am in the light," and yet hates his brother, is still in darkness.

1:3 That is, what we have seen and heard, we announce to you also. 1:4 And we will preach unto you also the things which we have seen and heard, that ye may be partakers of our fellowship. Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

2:1 My children, write these things down. I write these things so that you may not sin. If anyone sins, the Father has a helper for us, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2:20 But since ye are anointed with the Holy One, all of you know that

2:21 I write not because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that all deceit is not of the truth.

We know the truth, we know love, we know salvation, and we are in salvation. With the opportunity of that salvation, if we live and walk as Christ walked, as those anointed with the Holy Spirit and in communion with the Father and with Christ the Son, and if we keep the commandments that Jesus spoke, that is, love God and love our neighbor, we are in the light and "he who does the will of God will be eternally We can live our lives as it is said, "He who does God's will will be with us forever.

But deceivers are always scheming to draw us away from this light and from life.

2:22 Who is the deceiver? Is he not he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He who denies the Father and the Son is the Antichrist.

2:23 He that denieth the Son hath not the Father: but he that confesseth the Son also hath the Father.

2:24 Let what ye have heard from the beginning remain in you. 2:24 Let what you have heard from the beginning remain in you, and you will remain in the Son and in the Father.

There are many references to "abide" in today's Word. This tells us how we have many obstacles and hindrances to "abide.

We must hold fast to what we have heard from the beginning. How much God the Father loves us, and how He sacrificed so much to redeem us by crucifying Jesus on the cross. This is what we have heard from the beginning. God the Father sacrificed so that we could rest, rest, abide, and dwell in Him forever.

Today is Father's Day. We wish to remember God, the Father of all humankind, deeply in our hearts. There is a famous praise song, "Tears of My Father" by Makoto Iwabuchi.

1. The Father's sorrows that haunt my heart He crucified His only begotten Son
Man's sins are like a burning fire, passing away today without love

A fountain overflowing from the cross, it is the Father's tears.
From the cross, a fountain overflowing with the love of Jesus.

The Father quietly gazed upon the wounded image of His only begotten Son
He bears the sins of men in His body and asks, "Father, forgive them.

From the cross, a fountain overflowing, it is the Father's tears

From the cross, a fountain overflowing with the love of Jesus

How much did the Father give of His heart so that we could abide in Him forever?

What good is it to us if we deny that only way of salvation that God the Father has sent us,
Jesus the Redeemer?

2:23 For he who denies the Son has not the Father, but he who confesses the Son also has the
Father.

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from the beginning remain in you, and you will remain in the Son and in the Father.

What you have heard from the beginning. Believe in the unchanging and unfailing love of
God from the beginning of creation, and believe in this God and his words and deeds.
Believing in His words and actions is believing in Himself. We believe in God the Father by
believing in the salvation provided by our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in God who has taken
this way of salvation by means of Jesus who is the way of salvation. Therefore, anyone who
denies the Son is a denier of God the Father. He who does not believe in the Son cannot
believe in God the Father.

2:25 This is the promise he himself promised us, namely, eternal life.

This salvation by Jesus is God's promise, which is eternal life given to us by Jesus.

2:26 I have written these things concerning those who deceive you, that they may be deceived.

2:27 And ye need not that any man teach you: for the oil which ye have received of Christ
abideth in you. This oil teaches you all things. It is true and not false, so remain in him as the
oil has taught you.

Jesus also gave us the Holy Spirit of promise. And this Holy Spirit teaches us.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach

you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I have spoken to you.

14:27 I leave you peace. I will leave my peace with you, and I will give you my peace. I will give you my peace, and it will be different from what the world gives. And be not troubled, neither be ye dismayed: for I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For in him every promise of God has come to pass. Therefore by him we say, "Amen," and give glory to God.

1:21 For it is God who has anointed us with you, holding us fast in Christ.

1:22 He hath also sealed us with his seal, and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Ephesians 1:13 And ye also, being in Christ, have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, and have been sealed with the promise of the Holy Spirit.

1:14 For this is the guarantee that we shall inherit the kingdom of God, that we who put our trust in him may be fully vindicated, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. For ye have received the seal of the Holy Ghost unto the day of redemption.

4:31 Put away all uncharitableness, wrath, anger, clamor, reproach, and all malice.

4:32 Be kind and merciful one to another, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you in Christ.

Romans 8:9 But if the Spirit of God dwell in you, you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Christ.

8:10 For if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

8:11 For if the Spirit of him that raised Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised Christ Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God.

8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of slavery, that ye should be afraid again: but ye have received the spirit of sonship. By that Spirit we call, "Abba, Father.

8:16 For the Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God.

Romans 8:24 For by this hope we are saved. But the hope that we see is not hope. For how can anyone hope for what he has already seen?

8:25 If we desire not to see, we wait for it with patience.

8:26 The Spirit likewise helps me in my weakness. 8:26 For we know not how to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans of longing which words cannot express.

8:27 And He who searches the hearts of men knows what the mind of the Spirit is. For the Spirit makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

8:28 For we know that God works with those who love him, those who are called according to his purpose, to make all things work together for good.

In the midst of "deceitful things" and "falsehood," we have this oil (the Holy Spirit) by which we can obtain the truth and the true.

2:21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that all deceit is not from the truth.

2:22 Who is a liar? Is he not he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He who denies the Father and the Son is the Antichrist.

We confess Jesus as our Savior, and by walking as Christ walked, we go in the light, we go in the truth, and we are never lost or deceived. The Holy Spirit works in us to intercede, teach, and guide us.

2:28 Therefore, children, remain in Christ. Remain in Christ. 2:28 And abide in Christ, that ye may be confident of him when he shall appear, and that ye may not be ashamed in his presence at his coming.

2:29 And if you know his righteousness, you will know that from him all who do righteousness are born.

Remain in Christ. Jesus, who is God's plan of salvation. Jesus who is the truth for us. Jesus who loves us. Jesus who is our example. When we abide in Him, we can stand strong in confidence at the time of His appearing, the time of judgment, and we will not be ashamed. Jesus is righteous. The word righteousness means this. According to God's standard, measure, level, will, desire, and character, conform, conform, identify, and agree. Again, the word "righteousness" means this. It means "to conform, conform, conform, conform, conform, conform, conform, conform, and conform to God's standard, measure, level, will, desire, and character. This is the meaning of God's righteousness. Being righteous before God does not mean that one is righteous because one has done nothing wrong or wrongdoing, as is the

current legal standard. Jesus always prayed and asked for this. Jesus always prayed for that.

Righteousness is the never-ending search for what God wants and demands, and that is what it means to be righteous and just before God. Those who always move themselves into a right relationship with God through their actions will see how Jesus disciplined himself before God and sought the will of the Father.

Let us go where Jesus goes. Let us seek what Jesus seeks. Let us be lowly as Jesus was lowly. Let me be where Jesus is. Let me not depart from You, nor from Your thoughts.

Lutz 1:16 But Lutz said, "Do not urge me to leave you and to return away from you. For where Thou goest, I will go; and where Thou lodgest, I will lodge. Your people are my people, and your God is my God.

1:17 For where thou diest, I die also, and am buried beside thee. And if I depart from thee, and not unto death, then, O LORD, punish me with many stripes.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. There is a strong work of power to separate us from the Son and from the Father. There is deception, there is falsehood. There are forces that seek to blur the focus of our lives and pull us away from the lifeline, from life. There is God's voice telling us to stay. May the Lord, who calls us to "do righteousness," help us to walk according to His will. Protect us in our walk of truth, with confidence and without shame. Please guide all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.