

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Truth is under attack to the point that even many professing believers do not believe there is absolute truth.
- B. The Christian faith is not rooted in feeling or tradition or some mystic interpretation.
- C. The Christian faith is rooted in irrefutable, absolute truth.
- D. People who oppose the truth oppose Jesus Christ who is the truth and that's why John calls them "antichrists."

**WE LIVE A LIFE OF CERTAINTY WHEN
WE CONFIDENTLY LIVE IN THE TRUTH.**

II. HOW DO WE LIVE IN THE TRUTH?

- A. We live in the truth when we continue to acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ.
(1 John 2:20-23)
 1. There is only one real Jesus Christ, all others are counterfeit.
 2. Satan never minds if people believe in Jesus, just so long as the One they follow isn't the real Jesus.
 3. John said the real Jesus is the Christ.
 - a. Greek (Christ) and Hebrew (Messiah) both mean "anointed One".
 - b. An anointed one is one specially chosen and set apart by God as His own.
 - c. Jesus is the anointed one and we who are in Him have His anointing.

(1 John 2:20-22)

4. People who do not have His anointing deny Him. People who do have His anointing acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ.
(1 John 2:20-23; John 15:26-61; 16:12-15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-22)

B. We live in the truth when we continue to remain in Christ and His Word.

(1 John 2:24-28)

1. God and His Word is the absolute authority. Man and his word is not.
2. John told those Christians to let the Word they heard from the beginning remain in them and they would remain in Christ.
3. God's Word is truth.
(John 17:14-17; 2 Timothy 3:10-17)
4. Satan is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Lions look for the weakest prey. The weakest prey in the church are people who neglect God's Word.

(1 John 2:26; Galatians 1:6-9, 11-12)

III. CONCLUSION

(1 John 2:21-25,28)