

# The First Epistle of John

## (Week 24 – 1John 2:27)

### I. Avoid Spiritual Deception (part 5)

#### A. Review (1John 2:24-26)

##### 1. John urges the Christians to abide in the things they heard from the beginning:

###### i. The Word (1John 2:7), which includes:

- The Gospel (Mark 16:15)
  - Jesus' death, burial and resurrection (1Cor. 15:1-4)
  - Jesus' identity and purpose:
    - a. He is Son of God (John 3:16)
    - b. He is the Christ (Matthew 16:16)
    - c. He came in the flesh (John 1:14)
    - d. He came to save the lost (Luke 19:10)
- The command to love one another (1John 3:11)

###### ii. Love one another (1John 3:11)

##### b. John warns them of those who try to pervert the gospel!

###### i. Today, the gospel is being perverted by:

- Romanism (doctrine of purgatory and works-based salvation)
- Faith Only (deny Mark 16:16)
- Seeker Sensitive Movement (church based on what people want via surveys)
- Emergent Church Movement (dialogue/story telling vs. pulpit preaching)

#### B. Continuation

##### 1. 1John 2:27, *“But the anointing that you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in Him.”*

###### a. **Question: Is this verse saying that the Church does not need teachers to instruct the people of God?**

###### i. No!

###### ii. The Bible does not contradict itself!

- Christ gave gifts to the Church (Eph. 4:8, 11-16)
  - The gifts: Apostles, prophets, pastors (elders), evangelists (preachers) and teachers!
    - a. Apostles:
      - i. They were directly appointed by Christ (Luke 6:13f; Gal. 1:1)
      - ii. They were able to perform miracles (Acts 2:44; 2Cor. 12:12)
      - iii. They were witnesses to Christ's resurrection (Acts 1:22; 1Cor. 9:1)
      - iv. They received and communicated new revelation through the Holy Spirit (Eph 3:2-5).

