

*Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent.* (Jeremiah 20:9)

*The testimony of JESUS is the spirit of the prophecy.* (Revelation 19:10c)

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### ***Knowing the Truth in the Last Hour (Commentary)***

John wrote to his “little children” about their [anointing](#) that came from the Holy One to teach them the truth. He didn’t tell them they needed to get the anointing but that they already had it. The anointing was what kept them from lies. It abided in them to teach them about all things. Because of this, they had no need for anyone to teach them. As they were taught by the anointing, they were to remain abiding in Jesus Christ, the righteous one.

There was a good reason for John to remind his children of the anointing that abided in them: it was the last hour (of that generation) and many antichrists, as well as false prophets, had appeared. The antichrists were the liars who denied Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One. In so doing, they denied the Father and the Son, who revealed the Father. (See: 1 John 2:20-27) In other words, the anointing was fundamentally about teaching those being trained up as sons of God. Surely, there were many things they needed to know in that day in order to guard against the antimessiahs, especially those that might have masqueraded as messengers of light. However, there was and still is a much deeper purpose and meaning to the anointing. The teaching of the anointing was and still is a knowing—[knowing the Father and His Son](#). John learned this from Jesus when He prayed with His whole heart to His Father as the cross loomed in front of Him.

“Father,” he said, “the moment has come. Glorify your son, so that your son may glorify you. Do this in the same way as you did when you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he could give the life of God’s coming age to everyone you gave him. And by ‘life of God’s coming age’ I mean this that they should know you, the only true God, and Jesus the Messiah, the one you sent.” (John 17:1b-3 Kingdom NT)

Deep from within His heart, Jesus prayed that the anointing would be given to all having life in God’s age. At its core, the anointing was and is about knowing God and His Son. This should be no surprise to anyone studying the book of John, for Jesus made it abundantly clear that He came to reveal the Father. Consider these excerpts from John: *I speak these things as the Father taught Me (8:28); even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father (10:15); so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father (10:38); the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me (12:50); If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him (14:7); In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you (14:20); the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded*

*Me (14:31); all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you (15:15); I brought Your Name to clear light and manifest it to those whom You gave to Me (17:6).*

This knowing of the Father and the Son is so much more than head knowledge that one might derive from reading scripture. It is an experiential knowing in resurrection life. As Paul wrote: *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death* (Philippians 3:10). Yes; there is a death in this life—a life laid down and raised up in the abundant life of the Son. When Jesus died, we died *with* Him. When He rose from the grave, we rose *with* Him. When He ascended to glory, we ascended *with* Him. Do you get it? It's about *with* Him. When He walked this path, we were already *with* Him, meaning we were *with* Him all along. O, that we may know Him in the power of His resurrection.

So much emphasis is focused on us getting ourselves into Christ and then doing many things to keep ourselves there—neither of which we are capable of doing. Scripture has been used as a whipping post, so to speak, to challenge the flesh to perform a certain way; and if it doesn't, we are toast, as the saying goes. However, if in our own mind, we believe our flesh performed “up to standard” as defined by whatever the teaching is, then we can take credit for doing so—the result: pride in the flesh. Contrarily, if we fail to live up to whatever the standard is, we fall into despair over our failure.

The real failure comes from how scripture is sold to the masses. The Bible is often touted as the word of God, but all it is, in its physical form, is words printed on some media. That's it! The written word does not become the word of God until the *logos* becomes the *rhema* of God—that is, until the spirit of the truth, the anointing, speaks it to our heart and it becomes alive in us. It becomes a living word worked in us and out from us. Yes; this can come from the pulpit (or any media), but for it to be infectious to others, it needs to be alive in the one delivering it; this comes through the rhema of God and knowing the life of Jesus in experience. Such a one will not use scripture as a whipping post but rather as a life-giver. In other words, the anointing is spiritually real and deep and it goes forth to enrich and encourage others that have an anointing from the same source—the holy spirit. **Instead of scripture being doled out as do's and don'ts (i.e., a law), scripture becomes a positive message of life and blessing that we have in the Son of God here, in the now.**

Dear saints, just as John's little children were navigating the last hour of their age, so are we navigating the last hour of our age. The same encouragement from John applies to us in this dark hour of many lies and antimessiahs that attempt to rob us of the victory we have in King Jesus. **We all have been given the anointing of the spirit of Jesus to discern the lies and live according to the spirit of the truth, knowing the experiential and conscious presence of the Father and the Son in life and in love. This is knowing the truth in the last hour!**