

KEEPING THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING (1 Jn. 2:18-27)

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TEXT: 1 John 2:18-27

MAIN IDEA—The main mark of true Christians is they keep following Christ.

MEMORY VERSE—Jn. 10:27-28

1. TRUE CHRISTIANS KEEP FOLLOWING CHRIST even though there are real enemies and impostors to our faith (1 Jn. 2:18-19)—John teaches that the very appearance of these false teachers is an indication that we're in the times just before the Lord's return. Their actions of opposing Christ or leaving Christ only prove what spirit is really motivating them. Their inconsistent lives are a huge contrast compared to the faithful believers John is addressing.

V18-Antichrist refers to the false messiah, the man of lawlessness, or the coming world ruler energized by

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Satan who will seek to replace and oppose Christ (2 Thess. 2:8-12).

Mk. 13:22-23

V19 deals with the Bible doctrine called the Perseverance of the Saints. True Christians keep following Christ until they die or He returns. Their endurance is the ultimate proof of true Christianity (Mk. 13:13; 2 Tim. 2:12-13).

Jn. 6:40

2. TRUE CHRISTIANS KEEP FOLLOWING CHRIST because they are anointed by God to Believe in Christ (1 Jn. 2:20-23)—Those far from Christ are marked by a life that denies and rejects faith in Jesus Christ (22-23). They deny that Jesus is the Messiah who came in the flesh to save them. Believing this lie

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rejects the only way of salvation and sends that person to eternal death in hell.

Here are 4 truths about the Person of Jesus Christ we must believe to be saved: 1- Jesus is the eternal, uncreated Son of God (Is. 9:6; Micah 5:2; Jn. 1:1-3; 8:58; Col. 1:15-19). 2- Jesus was fully God and fully man (Jn.1:14; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:19; 2:9; Heb. 1:3-8). 3- Jesus is equal in nature to God the Father (Jn.10:30; Jn. 5:18; Jn. 19:7). 4- Jesus receives worship the same as the Father (Jn. 5:22-23; Heb. 1:6; Rev. 5:1-14; Jn. 14:14).

Jn.1:1-3, 14

1 Jn. 4:2-3; 5:9-12

3. TRUE CHRISTIANS KEEP FOLLOWING CHRIST because they are anointed to abide in Christ (1 John

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2:24-27)—The Holy Spirit and empowers every Christians so that we can follow Jesus.

*The Spirit gives us faith in the Gospel (**V24**).

1 Cor. 15:1-3

*The Spirit gives us an abiding hope of eternal life (**V25**).

John 3:16-18

*The Spirit gives us an abiding discernment (**V26-27**).

Invitation

1st, Daily come to Jesus in prayer surrendering your life to Jesus. Rom.10:9, 13

2nd, Invite Jesus into every area of your life.

Jesus have your way in... (you complete the prayer)