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ACTS 17:11

1 John 2:24-29
Lesson #11
Anointed and Abiding
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How Is Christianity working for you?


- Failed expectations of God, His people, and His Word.
- Little or no experience of God's presence, a changed life, or power to change anything.
- Feeling alone, confused, left out, overlooked, beaten down, without hope.
- Too much to live with & not enough to live for.



Am I just not good enough?

1

“Shame is the most powerful, master emotion. It’s the fear that we’re not good enough




Brene Brown

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Context of 1 John 2:25-29

False teachers have come,

“The accuser of the brethren” (Rev.12:10) wants to set the rules of engagement for peace with God & self.




Gnosticism claimed:
Your gospel is not enough.
Your Jesus is not enough.
Your experience is not enough.

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The Gospel is God’s GOOD NEWS for those who are not good enough.


The WORD of the CROSS precedes the WAY of the CROSS.



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Paul’s letters affirm who we are and what we have “in Christ”

<p>What Christ has done for us.</p> <p>Our position in Christ by grace through faith</p>	<p>What Christ is doing in, with, and through us.</p> <p>Our walk in Christ by grace through discipline</p>
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1 John

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD LIGHT IN A "DARK" AGE

Basis of Fellowship			Behavior of Fellowship	
Jesus is the LIFE come in the flesh	Jesus is the LIGHT showing how to walk	Jesus is the LINK connecting us to the Father		
1:1-4	1:5-2:14	2:15-28	3:1-5:3	5:4-21

Abiding in God's Light

Abiding in God's Love



**Affirming who we
are and what we
have "in Christ"**

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1 John 2

"24 As for you, 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. 25 And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life. 26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. 27 And as for you, the **anointing** which you received from Him **abides** in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His **anointing** teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie,"

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2 Corinthians 1

"21 Now He who **establishes** us with you **in Christ** and **anointed** us is God, 22 who also **sealed** us and gave us **the Spirit** in our hearts as a **pledge**."



**Anointing
established
sealed & secured**



1 John 4:15

"Whoever confesses the Jesus is the Son of God,

**God abides in him,
and he in God."**

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"abide"

(as something God does)

1. What abides in us?

God's Anointing

Christ's imputed righteousness
and indwelling Spirit

**We are the Body of Christ, the temple
of his Spirit, and bear his name
(Christian).**

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"27 and just as it has taught you, you **abide in Him**. 28 And now, little children, **abide in Him**, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him."

"abide"

(as something we are to do)

2. How are we to abide?

Our anointing is tied to being
"in Christ" by FAITH
through the indwelling of his Spirit.

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We abide in him as we walk by:

- **insight (not sight),**
- **faith (not fear),**
- **love (not lust),**
- **grace (not Law)**
- **God's plan (not ours).**

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Romans 3

“21 But now the **righteousness of God** apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the **righteousness of God, through faith** in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. . . . 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the **justifier** of the one who has **faith** in Jesus. . . . 28 For we maintain that a man is **justified by faith** apart from works of the Law.”

The Gospel

is not something felt or achieved,
but a finished act of God in Christ
that is revealed and **BELIEVED.**

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God calls us to walk by promises (not experiences).

2 Peter 1

“2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 for His divine power has granted to us **everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him** who called us by His own glory and excellence. 4 Through these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent **promises**, so that by them you may become **partakers** of the divine nature, having **escaped** the corruption that is in the world on account of lust.”

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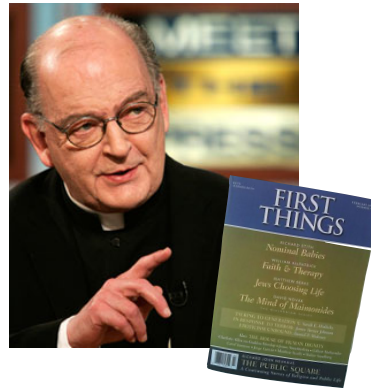
God calls us to walk (run) with endurance (not weariness).

Hebrews 12

“1 Therefore, . . . let us run with **endurance** the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who has **endured** such hostility by sinners against Himself, **so that you may not grow weary and lose heart.**

Many of God’s kingdom promises
are not of this world or in our time.

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Richard John
Neuhaus

“Idolatry is trying to bring in God’s Kingdom before its time and without its King.”

It is popular with
both the political
right and left.

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God calls us to walk by light (not sight).

Hebrews 11

“1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things **not seen.**”... 6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. ... 39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, **did not receive what was promised,**”

16

The blessings of God through Christ are **more spiritual than political / material** in nature.

1 Corinthians 15:46

“However, the **spiritual** is not first, but the **natural**; then the spiritual.”

2 Corinthians 4:18

“while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are **temporal**, but the things which are not seen are **eternal.**”

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1 Timothy 6

“5 ... men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, **who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.** 6 But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by **contentment.** 7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. 8 And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.”

Our blessing is linked to the object and subject of our *faith, hope, & love.*

The O.T. stands in *contrast* to the N.T. with respect to the nature of God’s blessings.

- The material blessing in the O.T. was a “type” for the N.T. blessing (1 Cor.15:46, 2 Cor.4:18, 1 Tim.6:6-10, Heb.4:1-11).

Natural (O.T.)

Promised Land
Temple (building)

Israel

Law

Material wealth

Palestine

Spiritual (N.T.)

Heaven
Temple (body)

Body of Christ

Spirit

Spiritual wealth

Sabbath rest



The O.T. stands in *contrast* to the N.T. with respect to the nature of God’s blessings.

- When we look to the O.T. to set our **expectations** of God’s blessings, we are living under the Old (displaced) Covenant.
- It’s not our circumstances or material wealth that distinguishes us but the fact that **we find our hope and identity** outside of them.



“In order for you to rise higher, you have to break away from relationships that are limiting you.”

“Do all you can to make your dreams come true.”

Clarify the covenantal context.



Jesus died to save our souls *not our dreams.*



James 1

“9 But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; 10 and the rich man *is to **glory in his humiliation,*** because like flowering grass he will pass away.”

Until the 2nd cent. the word “Christian” was a derogatory title of scorn, coined by its critics.

1 Peter 4:16

“ but if *anyone suffers* as a **Christian**, he is not to be **ashamed**, but is to glorify God in this name.”

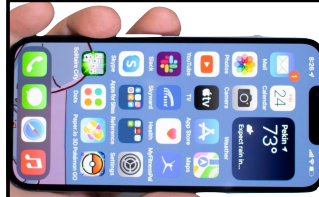
What are the blessings that Paul mentions specifically in Eph.1?

- vs. 4 **Chose** us to be blameless in love.
- vs. 5 **Adoption** as sons (daughters).
- vs. 7 **Redemption** - forgiveness of sins.
- vs. 9 **Revelation** of God's will.
- vs. 11 **Inheritance** of eternal union with God.
- vs. 13 **Sealed (branded)** by the Spirit.



Note what is not mentioned - political power, social justice, material prosperity, & prestige.

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A **smart** phone is more than a phone!



Like me, many people, don't realize what they have and so they fail to take full advantage of it.

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Are we familiar with all the apps on our new life in Christ?

The ones we use and don't use will reveal a lot about us?



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Some apps that are not anointed.

- God's kingdom before its time & without its King.
- Guaranteed material comfort and security now.
- Spiritual experiences that are always from God.
- Social justice and peace on our time & means.
- Prayer answered as and when we expect.
- Justification of any means to a good end.
- The satisfaction of all our longings.
- A place on God's advisory board.
- A veto vote on God's plans.



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Some apps that are too often unactivated or left unused.

- Unconditional love that builds confidence.
- Courage that comes with God's presence.
- God's Spirit that frees us to choose love.
- Peace that comes with trust.
- Freedom that comes with faith.
- Insight that brings wisdom.
- Power that brings humility.



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"My life was changed when I heard that my 6 yr. old HIV patient had said, *"I knew that I was dying because the Dr. stopped coming into my room."*

Arthur Ammann M.D.



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The greater gift

“A monk in his travels once found a precious stone and kept it. One day he met a traveler, and when the monk opened his bag to share his provisions with him, the traveler saw the jewel and asked the monk to give it to him. The monk did so readily. The traveler departed overjoyed with the unexpected gift of the precious stone that was enough to give him wealth and security for the rest of his life.



Anthony De Mello
Indian Jesuit priest

However, a few days later he came back in search of the monk, found him, gave him back the stone, and entreated him, ‘Now give me something much more precious than this stone, valuable as it is. **Give me that which enabled you to give it to me.**”

**Abide
in him**

**as His anointing
abides in you.**

1 John

Next week
3:1-7

**What we are
and will be**