

# Personal/Small Group Study Notes

Week of July 11, 2021, A.D.

## Every Follower of Christ Has an Anointing from God

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

### **Read 1 John 2:18-19**

1. What does the word “Christian” mean to you? What does the term “follower of Christ” mean to you? What does the term “disciple of Christ” mean to you? Do all three of those names apply to every person who professes to believe in Christ for eternal salvation?
2. What does it mean to be an “antichrist”? In your opinion, are there any “antichrists” who are church members?
3. Do you personally know any person who has stopped attending church services? In your opinion, what percentage of Americans have stopped attending church services on a regular basis? Does verse 19 have any application or relevance to persons who no longer attend church services? Does verse 19 have any application, relevance, and/or message for those persons who currently, consistently, and faithfully attend church services?
4. Do church members have a biblical obligation to be in a small group of fellow believers who meet regularly to study the Bible and to love on each other? Do church members have a biblical obligation to hold one another accountable to Christ and his church?

### **Read 1 John 2:20-23**

5. Is verse 20 true of every person who has saving faith in Jesus the Christ? If so, what is that anointing? If so, do all “anointed” people “know the truth”? If so, what is the truth?
6. Can a person “know the truth” without regular study of the Bible and/or without learning and applying the meaning of the verses of the Bible in their daily lives?

7. Is a person “saved” (guaranteed they are going to heaven after they die) if that person has no desire to study the Bible and no desire to apply the teachings of the New Testament to his or her life?

### **Read Romans 8:9-14**

8. Refer to verse 9. What does it mean to be “controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit”? Does the first sentence of verse 9 always apply to a person who is “saved”? Does the second sentence of verse 9 always apply to a person who is not “saved”?
9. Please explain the meaning of Romans 8:12-14.

### **Read 1 John 2:24-25**

10. What, if anything, do these verses teach about the believer’s (a) fellowship with God? and (b) eternal salvation/eternal security? How important and/or essential is fellowship with God in the life of a believer?

### **Read 1 John 2:26-27**

11. Did the first century believers have the written New Testament gospels and letters? Did they have the Holy Spirit living within them? How could the first century believers distinguish false teachers from the true teachers of the church?
12. Can the typical current American Christian distinguish false biblical teaching from true biblical teaching? If not, why not? If so, how? What do your answers indicate about the ability and/or desire of the American church to advance, build, and proclaim the Kingdom of God on earth?

**Consider:** “All believers must grow in their knowledge of the Lord...but they must never abandon the basic truths about Christ. Jesus will always be God’s Son, and his sacrifice for sins is permanent.” Life Application Commentary, Tyndale, 1 John p. 55

We must commit ourselves to earnestly learn and study the Scriptures so that we “may grow up in our salvation now that we have tasted that the Lord is good.” 1 Peter 2:3. “You think about that.” Amen.