



1 John 2:24

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. **If what you heard from the beginning abides in you,** then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.

John is communicating to first generation, or first century believers. Those that heard the word directly from the apostles

We must seek to understand it as they understood it

There must be a cleansing of our thinking

The all-important question is:

WHAT abides in you?

Many say: but you just have to stick with what the Bible says!
While all the time they have no idea how to come to an understanding of Bible doctrine.
Making assumptions from superficial readings

We don't really know what we know, unless we can show by a contextual , textual, grammatical, historical literal interpretation in the inspired word of God!

1. 1 John 1:5-6

To walk in darkness is to continue on a path, that the light of truth has never shined!

If we continue in thoughts unsubstantiated by the word of truth, with stubborn determination: we lie and do not practice the truth.

2. **According to Scripture one can believe they have fellowship, and yet in fact they are walking in darkness!**
1 John 1:5-10

Walking in the Light

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.** **6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.** **7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.** **8 If we say we have no sin,** we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** **10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

3. 1 John 2:1-6

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.** **3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.** **4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.** By this we may know that we are in him: **6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.**

▼ 4. **mind, think, Understanding, ignorance, hardness of their heart , spirit of your mind**

a. **Romans 12:2-3 (ESV)**

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

▼ b. Put off, put on = Analogy of a garment

i. Ephesians 4:17-25

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with

spirit

Louw Nida 30.6 πνεῦμα, τὸς π:
(compare πνεῦμα* 'inner being,' 26.9) an attitude or disposition reflecting the way in which a person thinks about or deals with some matter—'disposition, attitude,