

The job of every minister/preacher is to study the word of God with careful contextual criticism in order to obtain a precise understanding of it, and then, to present his findings, laying out the important details that establishes it's intended meaning.

Matthew 13:14 (NIV)

It is they shall discern from the book, in the law of God, and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading,

We don't want to just assume the meaning from a primary reading of the English translation, this is much less often the approach

1 John

False belief breaks fellowship with God

John 8:12 ... If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed...

1st John 5:

The MESSAGE of the ABUNDANT LIFE

Includes the original languages

The main thrust of 1st John is to encourage believers to maintain

fellowship, and don't allow it to be broken by the deceptive words of

those believers who have left the Church, and have believed and are

promoting religious lies / false doctrine.

a. How to have fellowship with God:

The Message of the Life

Jesus Christ came not to just offer the gift of eternal life,

1. by revelation of His message.

2. which He also verified through signs and wonders, which also established Him as the incarnate eternal Son of God

3. also throughout the entirety of His life He demonstrated His message of the abundant life in His humanity:

b. Broken fellowship: and maintaining fellowship:

1 John 2:18,21 (NIV)

18 Little children, in is the last hour, and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many

antichrists have come by which we know that it is the last hour.

John is warning those believers who have broken fellowship with the apostles, in the Antichrist

Broken fellowship:

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

20 Who have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

21 Who are written to you because you do not know the truth but because you know it, and that no lie is of the

truth

Who is a lie but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? (he is antichrist) who denies the Father and the Son.

21 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either, for who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

How does a believer maintain fellowship?

Abide in the message of life

It was truth that you have heard from the beginning

24 Therefore (as the truth is) you which you heard from the beginning, if what you heard from the beginning

truth is you, you also will abide in the Father

25 that this is the promise that He has promised us - eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.

27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

1 John 4:1-3 (NIV)

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit but test the spirits whether they are of God because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

meaning many individual messages messengers and who is messengers to

2 By this you know the Spirit of God (every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh) is of God.

Focus on the message that we heard from the beginning

3 And every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh

is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Remember the antichrist is coming because you do know about it already. He is saying that he is the Christ.

c. The man Christ Jesus and His message.

John's purpose for this epistle:

The abundant life is the message of this epistle:

John wrote this epistle to those who were only to read and did not

know that they may have life

and have abundant

1 John 1:1 (NIV)

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John 8:12-13 (NIV)

11 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed."

12 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."