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**21** I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.

# 1 John 2: 22-23

**22** Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son.

**23** No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

# 1 John 2: 24-25

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**25** And this is what he promised us—even eternal life.

# 1 John 2: 26-27

**26** I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray.

**27** As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

# 1 John 2: 28-29

**28** And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

**29** If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.



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# Paul warned them

## Acts 20: 29-31

**29** I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

**30** Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

**31** So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

# Jesus warned them

## Matthew 24: 3-8

- 3** As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"
- 4** Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you.
- 5** For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

# Jesus warned them

## Matthew 24: 3-8

- 6** You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.
- 7** Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.
- 8** All these are the beginning of birth pains.

# 1 John 2: 20



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# The anointing comes from Jesus

## John 6:69 (Peter)

“We believe and know that you are the **Holy One** of God.”

## Luke 4:34 (demons)

"Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the **Holy One** of God!"

## Luke 1:35 (angel)

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the **holy one** to be born will be called the Son of God.

## Revelation 16:5 (Jesus' revelation to John)

Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the **Holy One**, because you have so judged;

# Jesus was anointed by the Father

## Acts 10:37-38

- 37** You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached
- 38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

# **We are anointed in Jesus' name**

## **John 14: 15-17**

**15** "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

**16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever

**17** the Spirit of truth.

# 1 John 2: 21



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# The hungry eat anything

## Proverbs 27:7

**7** He who is full loathes honey, but to the hungry even what is bitter tastes sweet.

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# What have you heard from the beginning?

## **1 John 3:11**

This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

## **John 13:34**

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

# 1 John 2: 26



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# Can you tell the difference?

- God is spirit. Therefore was God was separate from the body of Jesus at death?
- God is love. Therefore does God not inflict pain?
- Do actions matter or just the intentions?
- Since there is only one God, do all religions worship the same God by different names?

# Determining the true Spirit

## 1 John 4:1-3

- 1** Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- 2** This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,
- 3** but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

# 1 John 2: 27



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# The anointing in you teaches

## John 14:25-27

**25** "All this I have spoken while still with you.

**26** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

# 1 John 2: 28



**28** And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

# Church at Ephesus Complimented

## Revelation 2: 1-3

- 1** "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:  
These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:
- 2** I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.
- 3** You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

# Church at Ephesus Criticized

## Revelation 2: 5-7

- 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.
- 5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.
- 6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

# 1 John 2: 29



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