

# Assured- Not Easily Fooled

## Sermon Notes

November 30, 2025

**Story:** Superman from a tree.

- ☐ You think you chose the right branch.
- ☐ The test proves otherwise.
- ☐ There are lots of voices—more than ever. If you form your worldview and your life around the wrong voice(s) when the test comes...
- ☐ Avoiding destructive love.

*John is writing to the church to help each of them remain in a place of strength in their faith with Christ.*

## Pray to Remain

**Read 1 John 2:18-27**

***These last days...there are teachers who want to lead you astray. (26)***

**There is a threat from within the community that will challenge your faith.**

- ☐ There will be many false teachers--antichrists. (18)
  - They will deny that Jesus is the Christ. (22)
  - A sign of the final chapter. (18b)
  - All carry the same spirit sourced from the evil one.
- ☐ They will often come out of the church. (19a)
- ☐ They have looked like they belonged, but they were not the real deal. (19b)
- ☐ Key evidence: they did not remain. (19c)

## The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to discern truth and identify false teaching.

- ☐ We receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit at our re-birth. (20)  
**Ephesians 1:13-14** *"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory."*
- ☐ He will help you know the truth. (21) **John 16:13** *"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."*
  - A guide to truth.
  - A direct bridge between you and the God of the universe.
  - He knows the future and will give you what you need to walk into that future.

## No teaching that would separate Jesus the Son from the God the Father is true. (22-23)

- ☐ They are inseparable.
- ☐ Denying Jesus' oneness with the Father is to show ignorance of who God is.
- ☐ Denying the oneness of God the Father with His Son Jesus is to reject Jesus unique ability as the "Holy One" (20) to save you from your sins.
- ☐ Islam identifies Jesus as a prophet on par with Mohammed, but in doing so they are rejecting Jesus as the Way to reconciliation with God.

## Remain strong on truth. (24-25)

- ☐ In what you have been taught in Scripture. **The Word of Truth.**

- ☐ In your belief as Jesus as the Son of God. **The Son who is truth.**
- ☐ In your hope of eternal life. (25) **The true Hope.**

### **Fool-proofing your life by the power of the Holy Spirit. (27)**

1. Lean in on the Holy Spirit for discernment with the Word opened. (27a)
  - He is committed to REMAIN with you. (27a)
  - He is to teach you about all things. **John 16:13**
  - He is the expert on truth as He authored the Word of Truth.
  - He will bring to mind that which you have learned from His Word.
2. Remain in the teaching of the Holy Spirit as He gives you the mind of Christ. (27c)  
**1Corinthians 2:12-16** (Read)  
  
*“God’s people + God’s Spirit + God’s Word = transformation (mind of Christ)”*
3. Choose wisely your teachers and listen with the ears of the Spirit. (27b)
  - a. Teachers who teach from Scripture as the authority. **2 Timothy 3:14-16; 4:3-4** (Read if time)
  - b. Teachers who are under account. **James 3:1** (Refer)
  - c. Teachers who teach to build up the church towards unity in the fullness of Christ. **Ephesians 4:11-13** (Refer)