

## **Ministry of The Holy Spirit**

### **1John 2:20-29**

#### **I. Armed Against Error – 2:20-23**

1. Gift of the Holy Spirit – 20
  - “You have been anointed by the Holy One”
  - John the Baptist spoke of this – John 1:33
  - Jesus spoke of this to Nicodemus – Jn. 3:5-7
  - Jesus spoke of this as “living water” – Jn. 7:37-39
  - Could not happen until finished work of Christ
2. Teaching ministry of Holy Spirit – 20-21
  - Jesus promised the Spirit before His death – Jn. 14-16
  - “The Spirit of truth” to dwell in you” - Jn. 14:17
  - “He will teach you all things” – 14:26
  - “He will testify of Me” (Jesus) – 15:26-27
  - He will continue Jesus’ teaching – 16:12-15
3. Truth will protect you from error – 21
  - Knowing the truth gives us confidence against lies
4. Person/work of Christ is at issue – 22-23
  - This is where Satan will focus his attack
  - That Jesus is promised Messiah – Redeemer
  - Those who deny Christ also deny the Father
  - If you deny Christ you cannot have the Father
  - This is how we identify the spirit of antichrist
5. This will lead to the “antichrist”
  - John will develop this in The Revelation
  - Unbelieving world will rebel against Christ’s coming

#### **II. Assured in Truth – 2:24-27**

1. Kept secure in God’s Truth – 24-26
  - Hold on to truth you embraced in Christ
  - Truth assures us of a relationship with God
  - That relationship with God is found in His Son
  - He has promised us eternal life in Jesus Christ
  - This truth protects us from those who seduce
2. Holy Spirit assures us of God’s truth – 27
  - Indwelling Holy Spirit is present to teach us
  - We are not dependent on human teachers
  - Holy Spirit affirms when humans speak
  - God’s Spirit ministers to our renewed spirit

#### **III. Truth leads to Transformation – 2:28-29**

1. Abiding in Christ prepares for His return – 28
  - God’s truth in Christ protects us from error
  - But it also produces change in us
  - It anticipates the return of Jesus Christ
  - It produces confidence as we look for His return
  - Not responding to Spirit’s teaching will bring shame
2. It reproduces righteousness in us – 29
  - Holy Spirit teaches us of Christ’s righteousness
  - He also enables us to yield to His righteousness
  - This gives evidence that we are born of Him