

Vector Academy Doctrine Projects

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Sermon Outline

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN: PROCLAIM THE WORD!!

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Passage: 2 John 9-11, ESV

John has a warning and an encouraging reminder for us in this text.

(9) Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. (10) If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, (11) for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked words.

What is John warning us about?

The danger of not soaking ourselves in Christ's teaching. (v. 9)

- We are all lost without Jesus. Without His teaching, we invent and live by false teaching.

We all need Jesus in our lives.

What is John reassuring us about?

We're safe if we have Jesus inside of us. (v. 9)

- - John 14:6 says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me."
- - Jesus is the source of life that we all need. Without Him, we are empty (stranded on a highway out in the pawpaw-patches of Kansas, when we could be right here, thriving and satisfied, because we have Jesus). He fills up our tanks, which is a huge blessing to us.

John warns us again in the next verse. (v. 10)

- - John makes it clear that we need to stay away from the people who do not teach the teachings of Christ. It's good to soak our minds in the truth, not lies. (*Live Not by Lies* by Rod Dreher, 2020)
- - John also says to not invite him into your house. Again, a reiteration of the fact that we need to stay away from these people.

- - This next one is kind of eye opening. John says in verse 11 that whoever invites these people into their home will be participating in their evil works.

- It makes sense if you think about it. Inviting a false teacher into your house is like saying, “Come on in! I’m ready to learn about how not to follow Jesus!”

Big Idea: False teachers teach what they think is right (when in reality it opposes what the Bible teaches) but still attract people with their words, leading them down the wrong path.

WHAT DOES JOHN WANT US TO DO?

1. We should dig into the Word, curious and hungry for the teaching that Christ offers.
2. We should surround ourselves with people doing that very thing, and encourage each other.
3. We should continually strengthen our relationship with God, and ask Him to give us sharp eyes and ears to watch out for the wasteland of false teaching.
4. We should firmly and confidently proclaim God’s Word, especially to those who aren’t.
5. We need to be aware of the false teachers around us so that we can use the Biblical teaching that we know to fight against them.

This is one of the many ways to advance the Kingdom of God: proclaiming His Word to people who are unfamiliar with it. God calls lost sons and daughters home every day, and it’s important to help call them home, where they belong. It really matters.