

The Sufficiency of God's Word

1 John 2:26-29

THE SITUATIONAL CONTEXT FOR JOHN'S LETTER

1. John is writing a strong message.

- v.18: it is the last hour; antichrist is coming; many antichrists have already appeared
- v.19-20: truth divides people into one of two camps: either 'antichrist' has you or you have the 'anointing.'
- v.22-23: the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ is a liar and also denies the Father

2. John is writing as a pastor and a shepherd of God's people.

3. John is writing as an apostle.

- He was one of the original 12 disciples.
- John clearly says: there is a plot to deceive you. SEE v.26 Ref. Mark 13:5-6; Acts 20:28-30; Gal 3:1

THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD'S WORD. v.27-29

1. If you have trusted Christ for salvation, you are equipped with an anointing. v.27

v.27a: *...the anointing which you received from Him abides in you.*

- This anointing is the Spirit of truth—the Holy Spirit.
- The truth revealed by the HS is the historical record written by the apostles and recorded in God's Word.

*The enemy says: You don't have it. Satan wants you to forget that you have God's Word and the Holy Spirit.

→ Truth: 1 John 4:4 *...He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*

2. God's Word is sufficient for you. v.27 *...and you have no need that anyone should teach you.*

- John is NOT saying: 'You know it all and you have nothing to learn.' Ref. 1 John; Mt 28:18-20; Eph 4:11
- John IS saying: 'God's Word is enough for you! You don't need any new additional revelation from God.'

*The enemy says: You may have it—but it's not enough for you! You need something more than God's Word & HS.

→ Truth: 1 John 2:27: You have no need that anyone should teach you.

3. God's Word is sufficient for you in your particular circumstances—in every situation. v.27

-v.27c: *His anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie...*

- John is NOT saying: 'You will have an encyclopedic knowledge of everything.'
- He is saying: 'In all things—in every situation—God's Word and HS are enough for you.' Matthew 10:17-19

*The enemy says: You may have the HS, but yours is a special circumstance—the HS cannot help you here.

→ Truth: 2 Pet 1:3 *His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness.*

Isaiah 43:1-3 *When you pass through the waters I will be with you...they will not overflow you.*

4. God's Word is sufficient to save you—to get you to heaven. v.28

-v.28: *so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming*

- The apostolic message summarized in the Bible: Jesus is the Christ. You are saved by faith alone.

*The enemy says: the Gospel is not enough to save you. You need to rely on... good works, religion, etc.

→ Truth: Acts 4:12 *Salvation is found in no one else...there is no other name...by which we must be saved*

5. God's Word is sufficient to sanctify you—to address your particular sin. v.29

-v.29: *He is righteous...everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him.*

- This is both a precept (i.e. practice righteousness) and a promise (God will sanctify you!).

*The enemy says: You're too messed up to change. You're too broken to know whole-ness.

→ Truth: Phil 1:6 *...He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus*

→ HOW is this done? It is accomplished through reciprocal relationship: SEE v. 24