# 1 John Lesson 14

**1 John 2:24-27** - “The Seduction of Heresy”

Introduction: There is no variation from the fact that Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. We do not believe what we believe about Jesus because we picked something out that sounds good, but because of what God has revealed about Jesus in His Word. If that is the truth, then anything contrary to that is the lie. Those that are in the truth have eternal life, and those outside of the truth are in the lie and have eternal death.

There is a great seduction today as in the days of John’s writings. This seduction is an effort to turn the people of God aside from truth. The word “seduce” means “to cause to wonder, to lead astray.” Paul refers to this in 2 Timothy 4 how that people will turn from sound doctrine and turn to that which caters to their desires.

Defending the truth of God’s Word will be divisive, because the Word of God is the truth and the truth divides. Many charismatic and contemporary Christian movements grow through seduction rather than evangelism. People are often drawn to what makes them feel good. People are more concerned about how good it makes them feel regardless of how it may relate to Biblical truth.

John is telling us not to be seduced or led astray or turned aside. Just aim straight ahead. There is no need to look for anything else.

**I. Many are seduced from abiding with Christ.**

 A. Defined – to remain, to continue

 1. To take up a permanent address

 a. Make it settled in your heart.

 b. Take up resident as your home.

 2. Not just visiting, but moving in to stay.

 B. Many have invited Jesus in for a trial.

 1. Make a profession (but were not of us - v19)

 2. One person walked down the aisle and trusted Christ:

 a. their life advances for God and whole changes

 b. If you see them months later, they aren’t recognizable.

 c. See them years later and they have matured spiritually.

 d. Decades later they are a leader in the church and a pillar of Biblical truth in their community.

 2. Another walked down the aisle at the same time:

 a. A few weeks later you can’t find them at church.

 b. They are still living the same life as before.

 3. Could be that person’s life was so messed up they thought they would just try Jesus.

 a. They invite Jesus in for a temporary trial.

 b. Then it was not what they thought it would be, and Jesus is not welcome to abide.

 3. On the other hand this first person who knows they are, helpless.

 a. They realize they have no hope outside the gospel.

 b. They have nothing to offer God

 c. They have nothing which can take them to heaven.

 d. They know they are lost and invite Jesus in to abide.

4. Someone who wants to get saved because someone else did is different than someone who is broken and lost and believes Him and trust Him for their salvation.

 a. A desperate person believes in God to get out of a problem.

i. This does not necessarily mean that decisions made in times of crisis aren’t valid, but the evidence of sincerity is seen in the life lived after the crisis is over.

ii. It is evident when someone has made a sincere decision by the change toward godly things.

b. Someone poor in spirit who realizes they must trust Christ must be different because they are a new creature.

 C. Many are easily seduced.

 1. Some can be led to make a profession and then trying something that feels good.

 a. Crowds and emotional experiences can be alluring.

 b. Seduction is often due to a focus on outward results rather than Holy Spirit leading.

 2. Gal 1:3-9 – Count them accursed.

 a. If it is not what is CLEARLY taught in the scriptures, then why are you listening to that person.

 b. When you trusted in Jesus Christ alone, why entertain any other part of the gospel added to.

 1) Jesus is life eternal, we have eternal life in Him.

 2) Sincerity is not the measure of truth.

 3. Anything different that the Jesus clearly revealed in the Bible is another Jesus.

 a. His Word and His Spirit bears witness to that truth.

 b. We do not have time for any other Jesus.

 1) Not for the Jesus of Catholicism that makes Jesus subservient to Mary.

2) Not for the Jesus of Pentecostalism that makes Jesus subservient to the Holy Ghost. (The Holy Spirit does not draw attention to Himself)

 3) Not for the Jesus of Mormonism that makes Jesus the son of God like Lucifer is the son of God.

 4) Not for the Jesus of Jehovah’s Witness that makes Jesus a man who was stripped of his deity.

 5) The Jesus who is the only way, truth, and life is all we have room for.

 4. Don’t be seduced.

 a. If someone comes to your door with another Jesus, then kindly show them to the curb.

b. There is not time to entertain the possibility of another Jesus, when you already know the Jesus of the Bible.

**II. The Anointing**

1. Defined – unction, consecration (anointing) of the Anointed One. In the Old Testament; prophets, priests, and kings were anointed with oil, symbolic of their set-apart status to serve the Lord.

 1. God the Father and God the Son anointed you with the Holy Ghost. (2 Cor. 1:20-22)

 a. When Jesus left this earth, He bodily ascended up into heaven.

 b. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost came and set upon the place as cloven tongues of fire.

 c. The Bible tells us that they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and proclaimed the Word of God with great boldness.

 d. Jesus Christ the Anointed One gave the Holy Ghost to them and they received the anointing.

 2. Every one who is saved has the anointing in them by the Holy Spirit. (He lives within us.)

 a. To have the anointing, you must have believed in the Christ of truth.

 b. Having believed the Christ of truth, then you receive the anointing.

 3. Looking elsewhere for an anointing will give you nothing, because there is nothing else.

 a. You can wait around for another experience and only be seduced.

 b. If you listen to the right crowd, they will manufacture some experience for you.

 c. If you listen to the appetite of your flesh, you will find something that appeals to your emotions or intellect.

 4. When you got saved, God anointed you by the Holy Ghost.

 a. Now the anointing in you which is the Holy Ghost of God

 bears witness of truth and raises the flag about the lie.

 b. The Holy Spirit will not draw attention to Himself, but His job is to point attention to Jesus Christ.

 1) He will guide you in to all truth to keep you from error. (John 16)

 2) He will not testify of Himself but will testify of Jesus.

 5. As God’s little children, they already know Christ.

 a. They do not need men to teach them about Christ.

 b. These Gnostics have nothing to teach them of Him who they have believed in order to be saved.

 c. He writes to them because they DO know the truth, otherwise they could not have been saved.

d. If another Jesus of some other teaching is presented, the Holy Spirit in you will bear witness to you of the lie.

 1) He will only witness of the TRUE Jesus.

2) If a person is confused, they must be insensitive or rebellious to the Holy Spirit or without the Holy Spirit

**III. Consider the implications of God’s anointing.**

 A. If the Anointing is in you.

 1. Something in you must urge you of His coming.

 2. If He has control of you life, He arouses an excitement and anticipation of His coming.

 a. Not a head knowledge of prophetic facts.

 b. But a desire in the heart for Him to come.

 B. True anticipation will create a desire to serve Him

 1. Not look for another Jesus.

 2. Not be looking for some emotional experience.

 3. But a desire for your life to be pleasing Him in all things.

**Conclusion**:

He wants you to ABIDE in Him, but He must first abide in you. The only way for that to happen is through your acceptance of His free gift of salvation. After this you must continue, steadfast and unmovable in the gospel. Friend don’t be seduced by anything that diminishes the role of Christ in your life.