

Introduction

The Anointing Abides (Sons vs. Children)

Last week we looked at sons vs. children.

Scripture

- **1 John 2:27**

²⁷As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

We see here how the anointing:

1. Abides in us, dwells, endures, ever present and remains in you.

Why is there so much hype to try and stir up the anointing when we carry the anointing?

We go to a building to sense the presence of God when his presence as Sons is in us, as we are the temples of the Holy Ghost.

2. Teaches us:

Jesus shows us an amazing example at Capernium when He was teaching and the presence of the Lord was there to heal the sick.

So as we speak forth the word in truth, the anointing is released.

3. Corrects us.

4. We should rely on drawing from our inner most being and not living by what we see.

The anointing that John is talking about in this whole chapter is because he's warning us that many men will come and try to deceive and lead us astray from the truth.

Scripture

- **1 John 2:26**

²⁶I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray.

So notice John says here that some will come and:

1. Deceive you:

One of the greatest deceptions of today is we give people what they want instead of what they need. So did God give us what we wanted, or what we needed?

2. Seduce you

3. Lead you astray.

4. It only begins subtly.

For truth to be abused, it is so subtle that it looks like the truth, but in the end it leads to destruction.

We all started in grace, we start in forgiveness but many prefer to turn and not live on revelation knowledge.

We have made church a drive thru, fast food Christianity.

We get our weekly, hourly fix on three songs and announcements and a motivational message but Jesus said He came to bring truth.

Scripture

- **Galatians 3:1-6** (Msg)

¹ You crazy Galatians! Did someone put a hex on you? Have you taken leave of your senses? Something crazy has happened, for it's obvious that you no longer have the crucified Jesus in clear focus in your lives. His sacrifice on the cross was certainly set before you clearly enough.

²⁻⁴ Let me put this question to you: How did your new life begin? Was it by working your heads off to please God? Or was it by responding to God's Message to you? Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren't smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it? Did you go through this whole painful learning process for nothing? It is not yet a total loss, but it certainly will be if you keep this up!

⁵⁻⁶ Answer this question: Does the God who lavishly provides you with his own presence, his Holy Spirit, working things in your lives you could never do for yourselves, does he do these things because of your strenuous moral striving or because you trust him to do them in you? Don't these things happen among you just as they happened with Abraham? He believed God, and that act of belief was turned into a life that was right with God.

Scripture

- **Galatians 3:1-6** (Amp)

¹ O You poor and silly and thoughtless and unreflecting and senseless Galatians! Who has fascinated or bewitched or cast a spell over you, unto whom--right before your very eyes--Jesus Christ (the Messiah) was openly and graphically set forth and portrayed as crucified?

² Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the [Holy] Spirit as the result of obeying the Law and doing its works, or was it by hearing [the message of the Gospel] and believing [it]? [Was it from observing a law of rituals or from a message of faith?]

³ Are you so foolish and so senseless and so silly? Having begun [your new life spiritually] with the [Holy] Spirit, are you now reaching perfection [by dependence] on the flesh? ⁴ Have you suffered so many things and experienced so much all for nothing (to no purpose)--if it really is to no purpose and in vain?

⁵ Then does He Who supplies you with His marvelous [Holy] Spirit and works powerfully and miraculously among you do so on [the grounds of your doing] what the Law demands, or because of your believing in and adhering to and trusting in and relying on the message that you heard?

Paul is writing to the Galatian church here and he is speaking very strongly. He has a major concern for their spiritual well-being.

He doesn't write this from a pastoral base but from a Father who has genuine concerns for people he has relationship with. So he says here:

1. You foolish Galatians
2. Who has bewitched you?

Bewitched means in the Greek:

- 1) To speak ill of one, to slander, traduce him (slander; defame)
- 2) To bring evil on one by feigning praise or an evil eye
- 3) To charm, to bewitch

These people started their journey in son-ship.

Then he says did you receive the spirit by law or by believing?

Let me put this question to you. "How did your new life begin, was it working your heads off to please God or was it responding to Gods message to you?"

So he says here now you're working to attain your goal by human effort.

Paul says:

1. You've worked very hard
2. You've suffered so much
3. Why now go back?
4. Does God give you his Spirit?
5. Or work miracles?
6. Because you have observed the law or because you believed what you heard?
7. We are sons of faith

Scripture

- **Galatians 4:1**

¹ What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate.

Scripture

- **Galatians 4:1**(Amp)

¹NOW WHAT I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age, he does not differ from a slave, although he is the master of all the estate;

1. If you remain a child, you're like a slave.
2. No knowing what is rightfully yours
3. Never living out your potential

So easy to go with the flow and to do what seems popular.

We are spiritual people, created in the image of God. We have to live out of His presence and not out of a man made system.

Everything that God has ever done has always been done by His spirit and not by a program. Signs and wonders should be a part of our life.

I'm sure Jesus if he walked on the earth today would walk in and turn over the money tables, the cake stalls, the bingo clubs and some of our programs because He didn't come to please the religious system, He came to demonstrate a Kingdom by power and not by talk.

So for us to remain in the Spirit we have to remain in truth. And for us to remain in truth, we must remain in the word, not adding to or taking away from, but just the truth of His word.

Scripture

- **John 10:10**

¹⁰The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it [\[a\]](#)overflows).

Notice in this scripture that Jesus said you have life to the full, till it overflows. As sons, we need an overflow of what is inside of us.

Next we will look at Jesus the Gate.