

First John 2:24-29

First John 2:24 – “Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.”

4771 [e]	3739 [e]	191 [e]	575 [e]	746 [e]	1722 [e]	4771 [e]	3306 [e]	1437 [e]	1722 [e]
hymeis	ho	ēkousate	ap'	archēs	en	hymīn	menetō	ean	en
24 ὑμεῖς , ὁ		ἠκούσατε	ἀπ'	ἀρχῆς ,	ἐν	ὑμῖν	μενέτω .	ἐὰν	ἐν
You	what	you have heard	from	[the] beginning	in	you	let it abide	if	in
Pro-D2P	RelPro-ANS	V-AIA-2P	Prep	N-GFS	Prep	Pro-D2P	V-PMA-3S	Conj	Prep

4771 [e]	3306 [e]	3739 [e]	575 [e]	746 [e]	191 [e]	2532 [e]	4771 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]
hymīn	meinē	ho	ap'	archēs	ēkousate	kai	hymeis	en	tō
ὑμῖν	μείνη	ὁ	ἀπ'	ἀρχῆς	ἠκούσατε ,	καὶ	ὑμεῖς	ἐν	τῷ
you	should abide	what	from	[the] beginning	you have heard	also	you	in	the
Pro-D2P	V-ASA-3S	RelPro-ANS	Prep	N-GFS	V-AIA-2P	Conj	Pro-D2P	Prep	Art-DMS

5207 [e]	2532 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	3962 [e]	3306 [e]
Huiō	kai	en	tō	Patrī	meneite
Υἱῷ	καὶ	ἐν	τῷ	Πατρὶ	μενεῖτε .
Son	and	in	the	Father	will abide
N-DMS	Conj	Prep	Art-DMS	N-DMS	V-FIA-2P

1. “You” is in the front of the Greek sentence making it emphatic (emphasis)
2. “The beginning” refers to the beginning of the message which could be the beginning of Jesus’ teaching, but is more likely their beginning in the Christian faith when they heard Paul (53-57 AD, Timothy (60-65 AD) and John (66-98 AD) in Ephesus (Asia) 25-35 years ago. This letter is dated to 85-90 AD.
3. The return to the word **meno**, or *meneto*, translated “abiding” or “remain”
 - a. Meno is used 23 x in First John (7x in 2:18-28)
 - b. Greek definition is “remain, abide, stay, wait”. *Meno* means “not to depart, not to leave” and “to continue to be present.”
 - c. John is telling his readers to simply remain in the teaching, wait in the Word, not to leave the doctrine and to continue to be present in the Truth they have received “from the beginning” (which means Jesus, but also, Paul, Timothy, John, etc.).
 - d. This teaching is also confirmed to them (by illumination, and insight and understanding) by the Holy Spirit.
4. If the believer remains in the original teaching then the believer remains in God (Christ, Father)
5. Do NOTE: In the Greek John repeats “what you have heard from the beginning...abiding in you.” Some translations skip this point of emphasis made by John. This is his point: the original Truth!
6. “Remain” is used 3x in this verse

First John 2:25 – “And this is the promise that he made to us — eternal life.”

2532 [e]	3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	1860 [e]	3739 [e]	846 [e]	1861 [e]	1473 [e]	3588 [e]
kai	hautē	estin	hē	epangelia	hēn	autos	epēngelato	hēmin	tēn
25	καὶ	αὕτη	ἐστὶν	ἡ	ἐπαγγελία	ἦν	αὐτὸς	ἐπιγγείλατο	ἡμῖν : τὴν
	And	this	is	the	promise	that	he	promised	us -
	Conj	DPro-NFS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	RelPro-AFS	PPro-NM3S	V-AIM-3S	PPro-D1P Art-AFS

2222 [e]	3588 [e]	166 [e]
zōēn	tēn	aiōnion
ζωὴν	τὴν	αἰώνιον .
life	-	eternal
N-AFS	Art-AFS	Adj-AFS

1. If you have the Truth, then you have God. If you have God, then you have Life Eternal. The very life and nature of God.
2. If you alter the Truth, then you are leaving the light, the life, the nature of God and entering into darkness, death, chaos, destruction.
3. Eternal Life is not “future life”, but a condition of life that has already began. We now have this eternal life working in us. Yes, it extends into the future, but it is not limited to heaven or the future.
- 4.

First John 2:26 – “I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.”

3778 [e]	1125 [e]	4771 [e]	4012 [e]	3588 [e]	4105 [e]	4771 [e]
Tauta	egrapsa	hymin	peri	tōn	planōntōn	hymas
26	Ταῦτα	ἔγραψα	ὑμῖν	περὶ	τῶν	πλανώντων ὑμᾶς ;
	These things	I have written	to you	concerning	those	leading astray you
	DPro-ANP	V-AIA-1S	PPro-D2P	Prep	Art-GMP	V-PPA-GMP PPro-A2P

1. One of the character traits of doctrinal error is that it always leads to more error.
 - a. Doctrinal errors do not retreat
 - b. Doctrinal errors tend to advance taking more and more doctrines into the shadows and darkness of lies and deception.
2. Doctrinal errors create evangelist of their own. Deceived people want to become teachers and evangelize others into their state of deception and lies.
3. Doctrinal error has to be addressed and considered cancerous.
4. Some errors, of course, are more serious than others.
5. Some errors are part of everyone’s learning curve.
6. But, there is no recovery from the rejection of the deity and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

First John 2:27 – “But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.”

2532 [e]	4771 [e]	3588 [e]	5545 [e]	3739 [e]	2983 [e]	575 [e]	846 [e]	3306 [e]	1722 [e]	4771 [e]	
kai	hymeis	to	chrisma	ho	elabete	ap'	autou	menei	en	hymin	
27	καὶ	ὑμεῖς ,	τὸ	χρῖσμα	ὃ	ἐλάβετε	ἀπ'	αὐτοῦ ,	μένει	ἐν	ὑμῖν ,
	and	you	the	anointing	that	you received	from	him	abides	in	you
	Conj	PPro-N2P	Art-NNS	N-NNS	RelPro-ANS	V-AIA-2P	Prep	PPro-GM3S	V-PIA-3S	Prep	PPro-D2P

2532 [e]	3756 [e]	5532 [e]	2192 [e]	2443 [e]	5100 [e]	1321 [e]	4771 [e]	235 [e]	5613 [e]	3588 [e]	846 [e]
kai	ou	chreian	echete	hina	tis	didaskē	hymas	all'	hōs	to	autou
καὶ	οὐ	χρεῖαν	ἔχετε ,	ἵνα	τις	διδάσκη	ὑμᾶς ;	ἀλλ'	ὡς	τὸ	αὐτοῦ
and	not	need	you have	that	anyone	should teach	you	but	as	the	same
Conj	Adv	N-AFS	V-PIA-2P	Conj	IPro-NMS	V-PSA-3S	PPro-A2P	Conj	Adv	Art-NNS	PPro-GM3S

5545 [e]	1321 [e]	4771 [e]	4012 [e]	3956 [e]	2532 [e]	227 [e]	1510 [e]	2532 [e]	3756 [e]
chrisma	didaskei	hymas	peri	pantōn	kai	alēthes	estin	kai	ouk
χρῖσμα ,	διδάσκει	ὑμᾶς	περὶ	πάντων ,	καὶ	ἀληθές	ἐστὶν ,	καὶ	οὐκ
anointing	teaches	you	concerning	all things	and	TRUE	is	and	not
N-NNS	V-PIA-3S	PPro-A2P	Prep	Adj-GNP	Conj	Adj-NNS	V-PIA-3S	Conj	Adv

1510 [e]	5579 [e]	2532 [e]	2531 [e]	1321 [e]	4771 [e]	3306 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]
estin	pseudos	kai	kathōs	edidaxen	hymas	menete	en	autō
ἐστὶν	ψεῦδος ;	καὶ	καθὼς	ἐδίδαξεν	ὑμᾶς ,	μένετε	ἐν	αὐτῷ .
is	a lie	and	just as	it has taught	you	you shall abide	in	him
V-PIA-3S	N-NNS	Conj	Adv	V-AIA-3S	PPro-A2P	V-PIA-2P	Prep	PPro-DM3S

1. “You” is again emphatic in this verse. This brings focus on the two groups:
 - a. You, those who are abiding in the Truth
 - b. Them, those who are actively trying to deceive. The liars. The antichrists. The deceived.
2. The anointing includes both the Word and the Holy Spirit that reveals it. Truth and Spirit.
3. John is focusing on two things with the word “anointing”:
 - a. The teaching of the Truth that the readers have had since “the beginning”
 - b. The Spirit that illuminates the Truth to the believer and dwells in them.
4. “Do not need anyone to teach you”
 - a. This refers to not needing any of the false information (new revelation, fresh anointing, greater insight) from the false teachers
 - b. This does not refer to the teaching of the Scriptures nor to the growth of insight and a greater understanding of the Truth that they have had since the beginning.
 - c. The very fact John is writing this letter means they (and, all of us!) need someone to teach us. But, no one needs a deceived liar to teach them.

- d. Jesus said the ministry of the Holy Spirit was to teach (John 14:16-17, 26; 16:13). But, these antichrists do NOT have the Holy Spirit.
- e. This is part of the promise of the New Covenant in Jeremiah 31:33-34, “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts....No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.’ ”

First John 2:28 – “And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

	2532 [e]	3568 [e]	5040 [e]	3306 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]	2443 [e]	1437 [e]	5319 [e]	2192 [e]
	Kai	nyn	teknia	menete	en	autō	hina	ean	phanerōthē	schōmen
28	Καὶ	νῦν	, τεκνία	, μένετε	ἐν	αὐτῷ	, ἵνα	ἐὰν	φανερῶθῃ	σχωμεν
	And	now	little children	abide	in	him	that	when	he appears	we might have
	Conj	Adv	N-VNP	V-PMA-2P	Prep	PPro-DM3S	Conj	Conj	V-ASP-3S	V-ASA-1P

3954 [e]	2532 [e]	3361 [e]	153 [e]	575 [e]	846 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	3952 [e]
parrēsiān	kai	mē	aischynthōmen	ap'	autou	en	tē	parousia
παρρησίαν	, καὶ	μὴ	αἰσχυνοῦμεν	ἀπ'	αὐτοῦ	, ἐν	τῇ	παρουσίᾳ
boldness	and	not	be ashamed	before	him	at	the	coming
N-AFS	Conj	Adv	V-ASP-1P	Prep	PPro-GM3S	Prep	Art-DFS	N-DFS

846 [e]
 autou
 αὐτοῦ .
 of him
 PPro-GM3S

1. This verse is the conclusion of the section on the antichrists teaching false doctrine, but it perfectly leads into the next subject for the “little children” who are John’s readers.
2. The “little children” (the believers, John’s readers) are being prepared to meet the Lord at his coming.
 - a. Nothing is mentioned here of the shame and embarrassment, the loss, or even, the damnation of those who are deceived or the antichrist
 - b. The focus is now on what this “anointing” and the “abiding” will do in the current and future for the believers.

First John 2:29 – “If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.”

	1437 [e]	1492 [e]	3754 [e]	1342 [e]	1510 [e]	1097 [e]	3754 [e]	2532 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]
	ean	eidēte	hoti	dikaios	estin	ginōskete	hoti	kai	pas	ho
29	ἐὰν	εἰδῆτε	ὅτι	δίκαιός	ἐστίν	, γινώσκετε	ὅτι	καὶ	πᾶς	ὁ
	If	you know	that	righteous	he is	you know	that	also	everyone	-
	Conj	V-RSA-2P	Conj	Adj-NMS	V-PIA-3S	V-PIA-2P	Conj	Conj	Adj-NMS	Art-NMS

	4160 [e]	3588 [e]	1343 [e]		1537 [e]	846 [e]	1080 [e]
	poiōn	tēn	dikaiosynēn		ex	autou	gegennētai
	ποιῶν	τὴν	δικαιοσύνην	,	ἐξ	αὐτοῦ	γεγέννηται .
	practicing	-	righteousness		of	him	has been begotten
	V-PPA-NMS	Art-AFS	N-AFS		Prep	PPro-GM3S	V-RIM/P-3S