

**The Way, the Truth,
and the Life**

1 John 2:22-24
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The Context of 1 John

1John 2:21
I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

The Lie of the Antichrist

1John 2:22
Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

Understanding “the Lie”

- The Serpent = “Has God said” (Genesis 3:1)
- Matthew 17:5
While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

The Clear Divider of All Humanity

1John 2:23
Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

The Narrow Way

Matthew 7:13-14
“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

The Abiding Gospel

1John 2:24
 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

Guarding Our Treasure

2 Timothy 1:13-14
 Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

The Radical Message of the Incarnation

■ 1 Corinthians 1:21-24
 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**#1 Plant your feet on
"The Narrow Way"**

■ John 3:34-36
"For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

**#2: Remain in the word to
avoid "the lie"**

■ Ephesians 6:17-19
And take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.

**#3 Pray for the strength to
confidently confess the Son**

■ Acts 4:27-29
"For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur. And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence."
