

THE MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

Maximum Joy: It's the Truth

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1 John 2:20 (All verses from New International Version 1984)

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INTRODUCTION: What is Truth?

The Truth behind Maximum Joy

1. Know the Truth: Jesus is God's Son (Human and Divine) who died, rose again and gives us life.
 - 1 John 2:20-21 ²⁰ *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.* ²¹ *I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.*

2. Know the Time: View your life from God's eternal perspective.
 - 1 John 2:18 *Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.*

 - 1 John 2:25 *And this is what he promised us--even eternal life.*

3. Know the Problem: Faith off track from God is a dangerous track to travel.
- 1 John 2:26 ***I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray.***
 - 1 John 2:19 ***They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.***
 - 1 John 2:22-23 ²² ***Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist--he denies the Father and the Son.*** ²³ ***No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.***
4. Know the Power: The Holy Spirit makes truth up close and personal in relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 1 John 2:20 ***But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.***
 - 1 John 2:27 ***As 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.***

CONCLUSION: Jesus Shows Us Who God Is.

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from today's message:

Get each day's GPS downloaded to your computer/phone/etc. by going to this link <http://www.clcm-gps.com/> or subscribing through Feedly.com (or other RSS Reader) to receive daily updates.

Monday: *Read 1 John 2:18.* “Anti” can mean to “be against” and/or “instead of”. Why is it important to remember that Antichrist can involve principles, practices and people? What are some “antichrist” attitudes and actions common in our culture? How does that give a last hour feel to your life? Why?

Tuesday: *Read 1 John 2:19.* What does John tell us about the connection between our presence in the church and perseverance in the faith? Why is church membership important?

Wednesday: *Read 1 John 2:20-21.* What does John say his readers have? What do they know? How is that working in your life today?

Thursday: *Read 1 John 2:22-23.* To deny that Jesus is the “Christ” for John is to deny that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine. Why is John so rough on those who deny Christ? Why is such a clear understanding of who Jesus is vital to John? To you?

Friday: *Read 1 John 2:24-25.* How much of a priority is it for you to remain in Christ? How can you ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in that connection? John affirms our connection with Jesus which leads to the promise of eternal life. What are some glimpses of eternity that you have recently seen of God at work in your life today and for eternity?

Saturday: *Read 1 John 2:26-27.* Describe a time you struggled to determine what the spiritual truth in a situation was. How did the Holy Spirit guide you through? Where do you need the Holy Spirit’s guidance at this point in life? Take time to pray (speak and listen) to His guidance for your life.

Going Deeper

Book: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Stroebel

Book: *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey