

SERMON NOTES

September 24, 2023

**Christ for All of Life**

**Staying in the Truth** | Trent Thompson

---

*I John 2:18-27*

Expect Opposition & Deception. (18)

Don't depart from historic orthodox faith given by the apostles in the Bible. (19, 22-25)

Let the Spirit instruct you in and quicken you toward the truth. (20-21, 26-27)

SERMON NOTES

September 24, 2023

**Christ for All of Life**

**Staying in the Truth** | Trent Thompson

---

*I John 2:18-27*

Expect Opposition & Deception. (18)

Don't depart from historic orthodox faith given by the apostles in the Bible. (19, 22-25)

Let the Spirit instruct you in and quicken you toward the truth. (20-21, 26-27)

## Applying God's Word

---

1. Read I John 2:18-27. If you were/are reading this passage for the first time, what is one question that would come to mind? If you were not/are not a Christian, what is one question you (think you'd) have?
2. What do you think are the indicators of a Christian who expects to encounter opposition and deception in the world without an unhealthy skepticism or fatalism?
3. Why do you think Christians experience the temptation to leave behind historic orthodox Christian faith? Where have you experienced this temptation?
4. How do you differentiate between doctrinal error that is a departure from biblical authority and different interpretations of Scripture inside of orthodoxy?
5. What are the differences between someone who receives the outer teaching of the bible with the Spirit's inner application of truth and someone who receives it without that inner work of the Spirit?
6. Are there any relationships in your life where you are experiencing the tension of differences in belief? How are you navigating those?

Memory Verse: I John 2:23

*No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.*

## Applying God's Word

---

1. Read I John 2:18-27. If you were/are reading this passage for the first time, what is one question that would come to mind? If you were not/are not a Christian, what is one question you (think you'd) have?
2. What do you think are the indicators of a Christian who expects to encounter opposition and deception in the world without an unhealthy skepticism or fatalism?
3. Why do you think Christians experience the temptation to leave behind historic orthodox Christian faith? Where have you experienced this temptation?
4. How do you differentiate between doctrinal error that is a departure from biblical authority and different interpretations of Scripture inside of orthodoxy?
5. What are the differences between someone who receives the outer teaching of the bible with the Spirit's inner application of truth and someone who receives it without that inner work of the Spirit?
6. Are there any relationships in your life where you are experiencing the tension of differences in belief? How are you navigating those?

Memory Verse: I John 2:23

*No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.*