

FAST FACTS: 1ST JOHN 2:3-11 # 4

1. IN THIS CHAPTER JOHN ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF REMAINING WITH GOD. OF COURSE THE ONE WHO SAVED US IS THE ONE WHO KEEPS US. JOHN IS REFUTING THE “GNOSTICS” WHO DENIED THE INCARNATE CHRIST.

2. HE USES THREE “THE ONE WHO SAYS STATEMENTS”. THE FIRST, FOUND IN VERSES 2:3-5. IF WE SAY WE KNOW JESUS WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS...NOT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. HIS GREATEST COMMANDMENT WAS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, TO LOVE OTHERS AS OURSELVES. THE STAKES ARE HIGH. ETERNAL DESTINY.

3. THE SECOND “THE ONE WHO SAYS” STATEMENTS IN 2:6-8. THE ONE WHO SAYS HE REMAINS IN HIM OR ABIDES IN HIM. JOHN USES “ABIDE” TO DESCRIBE AN ONGOING PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST. IN HIS GOSPEL 2:6 JOHN SAYS, THE ONE WHO REMAINS IN HIM SHOULD WALK JUST AS HE WALKED. THE BELIEVER’S LIFE SHOULD LOOK LIKE JESUS. REMEMBER “WWJD” WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? THIS IS HOW WE SHOULD HANDLE EVERY SITUATION WE FACE.

4. IN VERSE 7 JOHN STARTLES HIS AUDIENCE WITH A NEW COMMANDMENT. IT’S NOT NEW. IT’S ONE THE APOSTLES SHARED FROM THE BEGINNING. OLD, BUT NEW TO REFUTE THE Gnostics...A NEW AGE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE COMING OF JESUS...THAT DARKNESS IS FADING AWAY AND THE NEW LIGHT IS SHINING.

5. THE MESSAGE IS THAT THOSE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS, BELIEVED FALSE DOCTRINE WERE DOOMED.

6. NOW IN VERSES 9-11, THE THIRD “THE ONE WHO SAYS”

7. THE TENSE OF “WHO HATES HIS BROTHER” MEANS AN ON-GOING STATE OR CONDITION, NOT JUST AN OCCURANCE, BUT A LIFESTYLE.

8. THE Gnostics SAID THEY KNEW AND ABIDED IN GOD AND WALKED IN THE LIGHT, BUT THEIR LIFESTYLE SAID OTHERWISE. THEY WERE DECEIVED AND DECEIVED OTHERS.