

BETHANY BIBLE STUDY

I JOHN 2:18-29

Part-5

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WE MUST NOT SIN

but if we sin, we have an advocate and propitiation

TEST OF KNOWING GOD: Do we pass the test?

Believe in Jesus | Love others | Obedience | Growing |

OVERCOMERS SECRET:

Rooted in God's word | Full Armor of God | Separated | Prayerful (Acts 2:42)

CHALLENGES TO OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

The World | Lust of the flesh | Lust of the eyes | Pride |

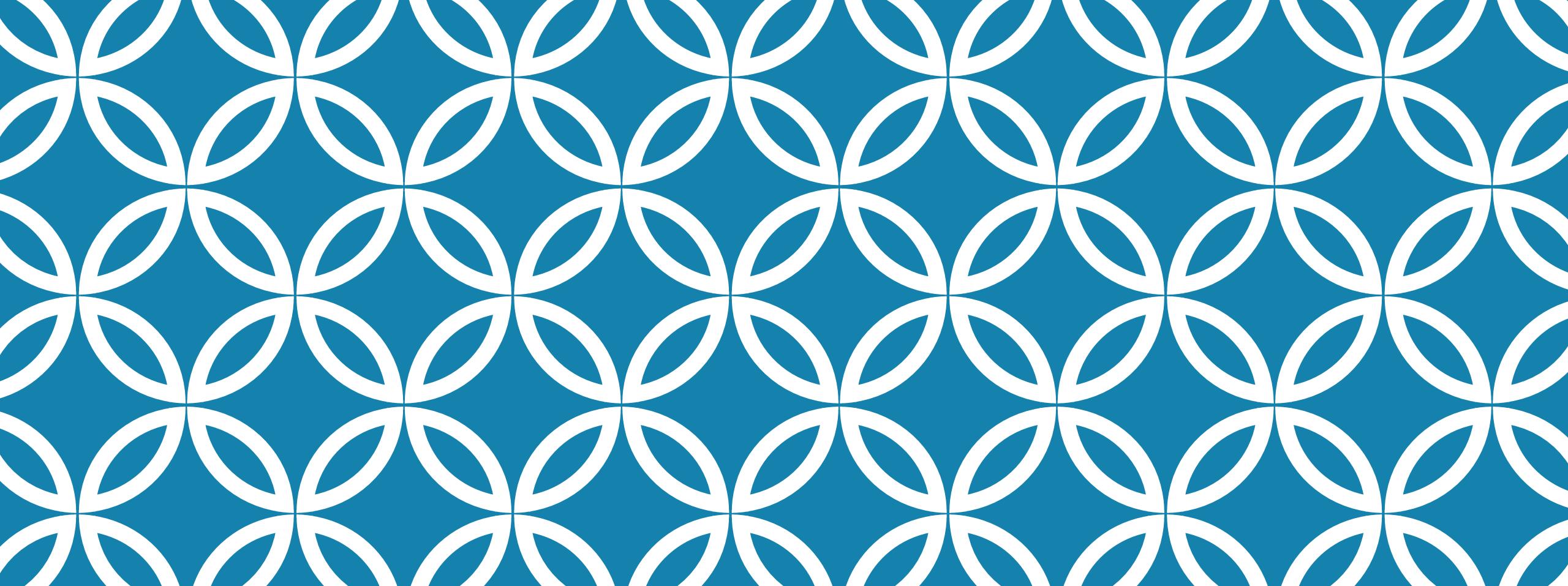
2:18-29 MAIN TOPICS

Antichrist/False Teaching

Our protection

Ashamed at the Lord's Return?

Abiding in Him



ANTICHRISTS/ FALSE TEACHERS

18-23

TRUE VERSUS FALSE TEACHERS

TRUE TEACHING

- Teachings of Lord Jesus Christ
- Sound doctrine of prophets & apostles
- Divine interpretations (not human opinions or anecdotes)
- No additions/deletions from the Bible
- Presentation of complete truth (not random verses out of context)

Fruit of true teaching:

Salvation, godliness, purity, love, (profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness that man of God may be perfect II Timothy 3:16-17)

TRUE TEACHING is resisted and rejected by many because it demands making changes to sinful lifestyle.

TRUE VERSUS FALSE TEACHERS

FALSE TEACHING

- Presents a false/popular messages by adding/deleting from sound doctrine
- Human interpretations rather than divine revelations
- Teacher lead by flesh, not the spirit
- Stirs people away from the truth

False teachings are popular as it gives freedom to compromise and sin, and it satisfies the illusion of 'godliness' and 'busyness' of works.

II Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

II Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

SOME COMMON AND DANGEROUS FALSE TEACHINGS

Emphasizing God's love but ignoring God's Justice

Deny virgin birth, death on the cross, resurrection, second coming, hell

Faith + works needed to receive salvation and enter heaven

Multiple ways to reach God

God's grace permits us to live a life of compromise/sin

Bible is not the complete revelation

Salvation can be lost

Prosperity gospel

... and more

2:18-23

¹⁸ Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

²⁰ But [ye have an unction from the Holy One](#), and ye know all things.

²¹ I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

²² Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

²³ Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

antiChrist and AntiChrist

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Growth in false teachings is sign of last days! ‘antichrists’ today ... will culminate in the ‘Antichrist’ in the future

Antichrist will be a charismatic leader associated with a government or system. He will oppose Christ and exalt himself and command worship during the second half of the tribulation period. (See Daniel bible study)

Many titles: Little horn (Daniel 7:8), king of fierce countenance (Daniel 8:23), prince (Daniel 9:26), wilful king (Daniel 11:36-45), son of perdition, lawless one, man of sin (II Thessalonians 2:1-10), beast (Revelation 13)

SOURCE

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One of the sources: 'they went from us' (19)

DANGER to our spiritual growth: FROM INSIDE the 'church'

[Jude 4](#) For there are certain men crept in unawares,

“CERTAIN MEN”

JUDE ⁴ FOR THERE
ARE CERTAIN MEN
CREPT IN UNAWARES
... TURNING THE GRACE
OF OUR GOD INTO
LASCIVIOUSNESS, AND
DENYING THE ONLY
LORD GOD, AND OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Ungodly (4) perverters of God's grace (4) deny Christ (4)
immoral (7-8) despise authority (8) speak evil of authority
(8) irrational (10), spots (12) clouds without rain (12) trees
without fruits (12) wandering stars (13) raging waves (13)
murmurers (16) complainers (16) mockers (18) ungodly
lusts (18)

WARNINGS: ANTICHRISTS/ FALSE TEACHERS

One of the sources: 'they went from us' (19)

Mark 13:22 For **false Christs and false prophets shall rise**, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

Mathew 7:15 **Beware of false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

II Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are **false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.** ¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

OUR PROTECTION FROM ANTICHRISTS/FALSE TEACHERS:

²⁰ But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

OUR PROTECTION ...

an unction/anointing from God: gift of the holy spirit

All who are born-again are anointed. It is not a seasonal anointing or exclusive anointing to a few believers.

Some weaken the anointing by ‘quenching’ (I Thessalonians 5:19), ‘not filling’ (Ephesians 5:18), and ‘grieving’ (Ephesians 4:30) the holy spirit.

OUR PROTECTION FROM ANTICHRISTS/FALSE TEACHERS: UNCTION

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Our protection ... an unction/anointing from God

II Corinthians 1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; ²² Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Spirit resides in us and teaches us all things (so that we don't fall into the trap of false teachers). **Holy spirit protects/warns us from deceptive false teachings.**

WE KNOW THE TRUTH

²¹ I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

If we say we know God

Implies we know the truth and continue in the truth

There is no excuse for falling into the trap of false teachers

WHO IS AN ANTICHRIST?

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antichrists denies the father and the son

Some accept Father as God but reject the son ... they are antichrist!

Believers believe in a triune God: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

THE END OF EVIL ... LAKE OF FIRE

End of antiChrist

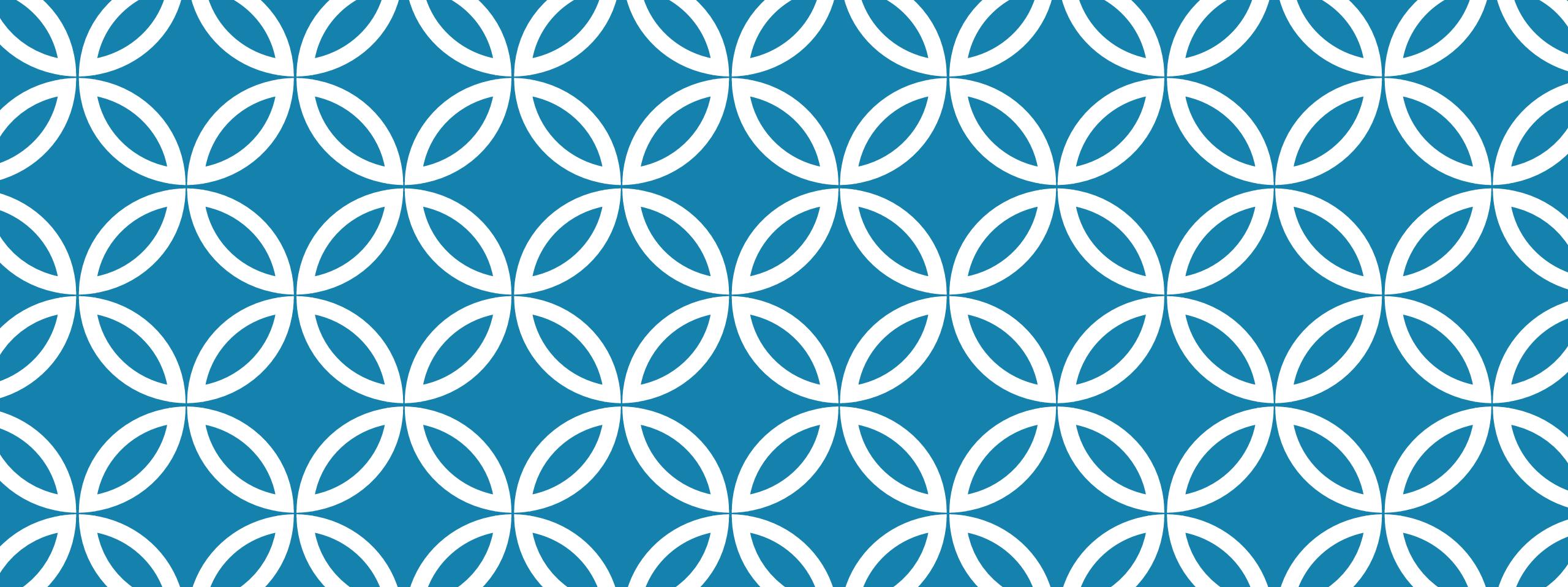
- Christ returns for the battle (Revelation 19:11-16)
- The battle (Revelation 19:17-19)
- antiChrist defeated and thrown in lake of fire (Revelation 19:20)

End of Satan

- Satan bound for 1,000 years and Millennial Rule begins (Revelation 20:1-6)
- Satan released for a short time (Revelation 20:7-9)
- Satan cast into lake of fire (Revelation 20:10)

End of Sinners

Great white throne judgment for sinners/second death in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15)



ABIDING IN HIM

24-27

ABIDING IN HIM

2:24-29

²⁴ Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. ²⁶ These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. ²⁷ But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. ²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. ²⁹ If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

FRUIT OF ABIDING IN HIM AND HIS SPIRIT ABIDING IN US

Abiding leads to continuity in fellowship (24)

Abiding helps us to overcome false teaching (27)

Abiding prepares us for His return, and not be ashamed (28)

Abide in His Teaching

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What have we heard from the beginning?

- Teachings of Jesus and the Apostles
- Teachings from the Old Testament

The Bible defines our faith and our convictions

Paul's testimony: "Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20)

If we are rooted in the Word of God, we will continue in the Lord and will not fall victim to false and new teachings.

FRUIT OF ABIDING

²⁵ AND THIS IS THE PROMISE THAT HE HATH PROMISED US, EVEN ETERNAL LIFE.

Abiding leads to enjoyment of eternal life. Eternal life begins the moment we are born-again

I John 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Assurance of eternal life better equips us to question and challenge false teachings. Those who are not sure of salvation and eternal life will fall victims to vain philosophies and false teachings.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

DO YOU HAVE THE ASSURANCE OF EVERLASTING LIFE?

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 11: 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: ²⁶ And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. **Believest thou this?**

Galatians 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

OUR TEACHING IS COMPLETE

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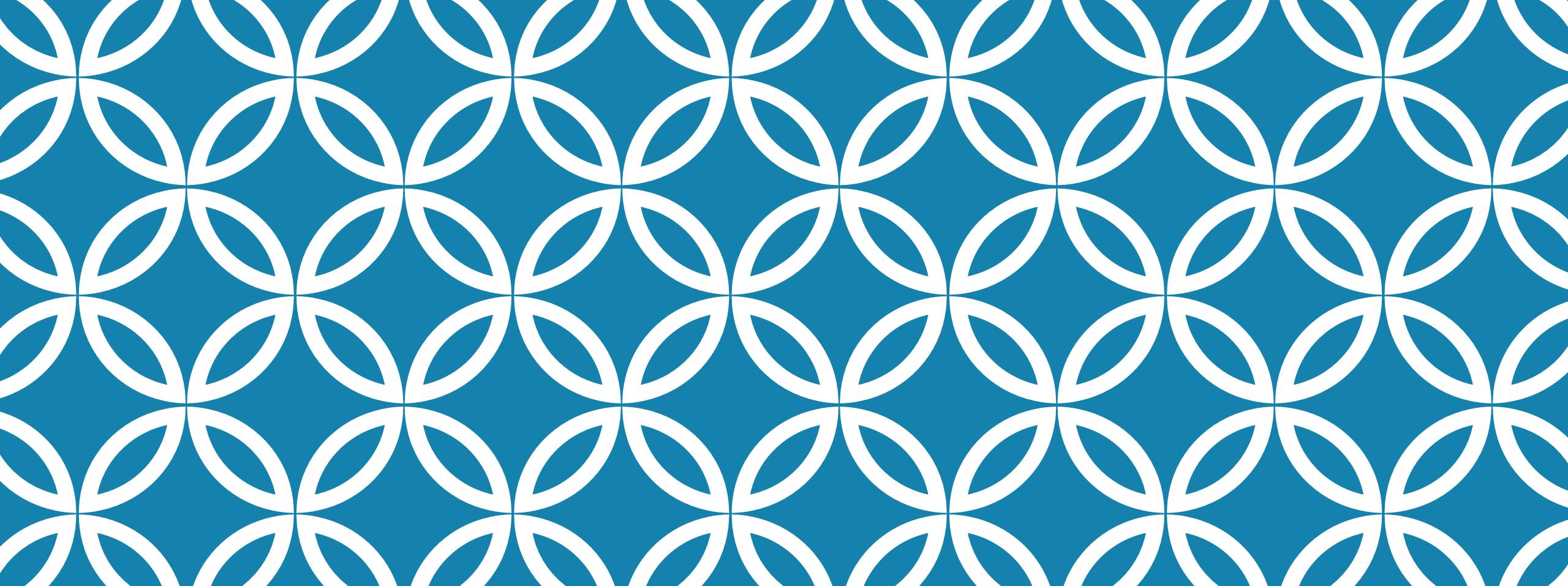
Reason for writing: Warn against antichrists

World is always tempting us with “new and modern” teaching. Beware!

But our teaching is complete through the inspired Word of God (The Bible) and the gift of the Holy Spirit (to help us understand and lead us to the truth). anything that deviates from the Bible and the revelation of the Holy Spirit is false teaching.

We do not need additional teaching: It does not mean, we don't need teachers. We need bible teachers and scholars who have been gifted and called.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;



ASHAMED AT THE LORD'S RETURN

28-29

ASHAMED AT JESUS RETURN

²⁸ AND NOW, LITTLE CHILDREN, ABIDE IN HIM; THAT, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE MAY HAVE CONFIDENCE, AND NOT BE ASHAMED BEFORE HIM AT HIS COMING.

Is it possible for believers to be ashamed when Jesus returns?

ASHAMED AT JESUS RETURN

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Is it possible for believers to be ashamed when Jesus returns?

John says “Yes”

If so, who will be ashamed?

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Who will be ashamed when Jesus returns?

Believers whose ministry is deemed worthless (as the work was not in the will of God)

Believers who are not faithful to God's call in their life

Believers who are not ready and not looking forward to his return

Believers who were ashamed of the gospel

Believers who were not continually confessing and cleansing

ASHAMED AT
JESUS RETURN

REWARDS LOST,
BUT NOT
SALVATION

I Corinthians 3:13-15 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

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Also to be put to shame & eternal condemnation:

Those who rejected Christ

False teachers, antichrists, Antichrist

NOT ASHAMED ON JESUS RETURN

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Some evidences of believers who abide in Him

Love God and others

Living a Life of obedience (I John 2:3)

Walking as Jesus did (I John 2:6)

Demonstrate fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

Have a Fruitful life (John 15:5 He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit)

Blessed with Answered prayers (John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you)

JESUS IS COMING BACK ...

ARE YOU READY FOR THE “RAPTURE”?

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

RAPTURE & SECOND COMING

RAPTURE

Before tribulation

Only Believers taken

Secret event

Anytime

SECOND COMING

After tribulation

Includes unbelievers taken for judgement,
Believers return with the Lord

Visible event

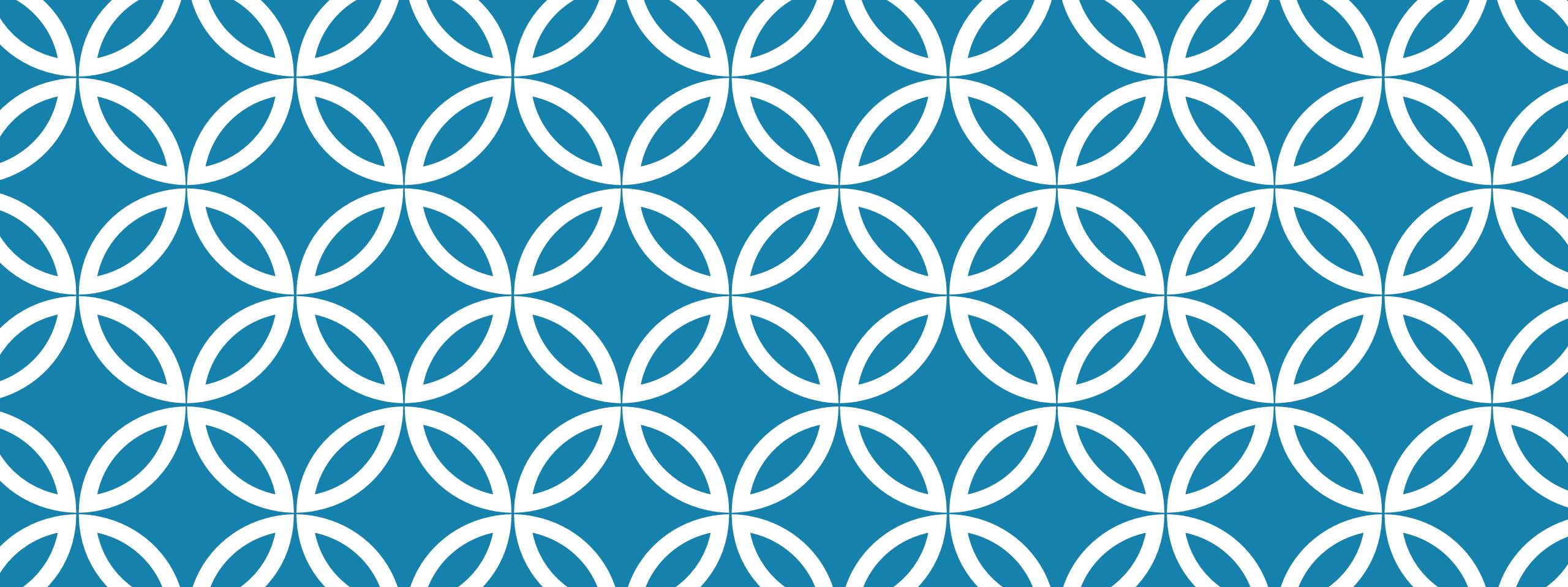
After specific events completed

FRUIT OF KNOWING GOD

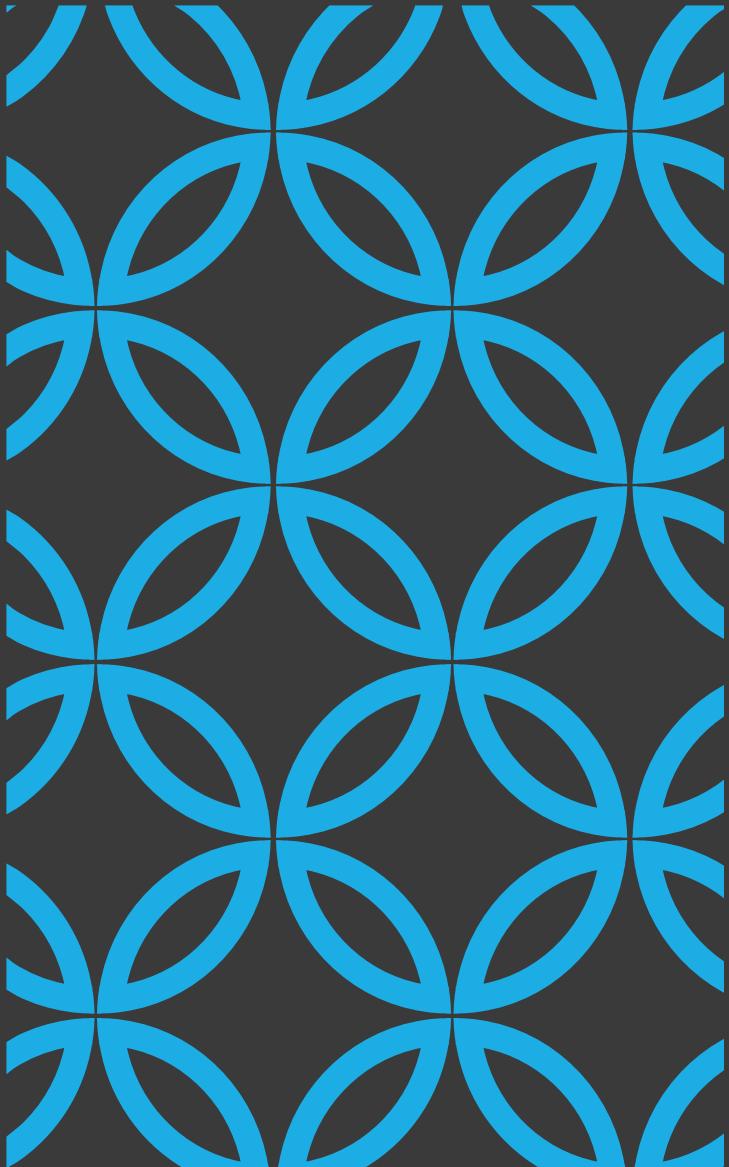
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BORN OF HIM.

If we know God and are in fellowship with Him,

Our life will be a righteous life (since Lord Jesus Christ is righteous)



REFLECTIONS



EVIDENCE OF KNOWING GOD

... Do we only profess or do we truly Know GOD?

Believe in Christ

Love others

Overcomer

Abide in Him

Righteous life

Ready and
looking forward
to His return