

## How to Overcome False Teaching

1 John 2:18-27

I. Realize that false teachers may come from among truth-teachers (1 John 2:18, 19).

- A. False teachers will increase in this age (2:18).
- B. False teachers may come from true churches, but eventually will become obvious (2:19; Acts 15:24).
  - Satan “masquerades” (2 Corinthians 11:12-15)

How Satan draws believers into false teaching

- 1) Something attracts us – appeals to our flesh, our desires.
- 2) Something about it is true, biblical or Christian.
- 3) **But something is seriously false.**

II. Know the truth so that we recognize error (1 John 2:20-25).

- A. We can know the truth because we have the Holy Spirit and the Word of God (20-21).
  - The Holy Spirit anoints/indwells us so that we can know the truth of God’s word (2 Corinthians 1:21,22; John 16:13; 17:17).
- B. If they deny the nature of Jesus Christ they are false teachers (2:22-24).
- C. If they deny the promise of eternal life through Christ alone, they are false teachers (25,26).

III. Review: How to be confident in God’s Truth (1 John 2:26, 27).

- John teaches us how to avoid the deliberate deception of false teachers (26).
- A. Depend on the Holy Spirit working through God’s Word (27a).
- B. Remain in close fellowship with God (27b).