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IT'S REAL—5

“It’s Real Because it has SANCTIONS”

1 John 2:12-27

Introduction. _____

Note the interlude in 1 John 2:12-14 that contains six statements to SUPPORT and STIMULATE the believer:

1. First our sins have been forgiven (2:12).
2. Secondly, we are eternally secure because of God’s guarantee (2:12b) “ . . . for his name’s sake.”
3. Thirdly, our satisfaction rests in our personal relationship with the Lord (2:13e) “ . . . because ye have known the Father.”
4. Fourthly, our service for the Lord is in view of the final victory (2:13d) “I write unto you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one.
5. Fifthly, our strength is found in the Word of God (2:14d) “ . . . because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you . . .”
6. Sixthly, our Savior is the Eternal Sovereign (2:14a) “ . . . because ye have known him from the beginning.”

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Now let’s note how our salvation is REAL because of the SANCTIONS it enforces:

I. FIRST, IT’S REAL BECAUSE OUR LORD PUTS SANCTIONS ON COMPROMISING WITH THE WORLD (1 John 2:15-17).

Note three sanctions on compromising with the world:

- A. First, compromising with the world reveals one’s true condition (2:15).
- B. Secondly, compromising with the world reflects itself in enticing allurements (2:16).

The apostle goes into detail about these allurements:

1. First, note the enticing allurement of “ . . . *the lust of the flesh . . .*” (2:16b).
2. Secondly, notice the enticing allurement of “ . . . *the lust of the eyes . . .*” (3:16c).
3. Thirdly, notice the enticing allurement of “ . . . *the pride of life . . .*”
- C. Thirdly, compromising with the world results in a pitiful loss (2:17a). “*And the world passeth away . . .*”
- D. Fourthly, However, conquering the world is rewarded with eternal benefits (2:16e, 17b)

“ . . . but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.”

II. SECONDLY, IT'S REAL BECAUSE IT PUTS SANCTIONS ON COMPRIMISING WITH THE ANTICHRISTS (1 John 2:18-21).

A. First, consider some information about the subject of antichrists (2:18-19).

1. First, the term “*Antichrist*” is used to describe a real person who is to come in the “*last time.*” (2:18a).
2. Secondly, the term “*antichrist*” is used to depict false believers (2:18b).
3. Thirdly, the person of the “*antichrists*” can be detected in the “*last time.*” (2:18c-19).
 - a. First, they are members of the church (2:19a) “*They went our from us . . .*”
 - b. Secondly they will leave the church (2:19b) “*. . . they went out from us that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*”

B. Secondly, notice some instructions for the believer in relation to the these “*antichrists.*” (2:20).

1. First, we can rely on the Holy Spirit for disclosure (2:20). “*But we have an unction from the Holy Ghost, and we know all things.*”
2. Secondly, we can refer to the Word of God for discernment (2:21a) “*I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth . . .*”

III. THIRDLY, IT'S REAL BECAUSE IT PUT SANCTIONS ON _____ (1 John 2:21b-27).

So what do the liars do to get sanctions?

- A. First, they _____ the faith 2:21b-25).
- B. Secondly, they _____ the faithful (2:16-27).
 1. First, note how they are _____ (2:26).
 2. Secondly, see how they are _____ (2:27).

How?

- a. First, notice the _____ (2:17a).
- b. Secondly, consider the _____ (2:27e) “*. . . as he hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*”

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CONCLUSION: Note three principles that will help each one of us combat the WORLD, the ANTICHRISTS, and the LIARS:

1. **First, _____ time in the Word of God.**
2. **Secondly, _____ firm in your convictions.**
3. **Thirdly, _____ focused on the Lord Jesus!**