

First John 2:21-29

- This *chrisma*, “anointing”, or Holy Spirit from Jesus will have a noticeable effect in our thinking and our understanding (even to the place of empowering us to cognitively process concepts and knowledge that is a mystery to the natural intellect/soul/mind, Ephesians 1:17-18). Notice John’s consistent references to this ministry of the Holy Spirit:

First John		
2:11	They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.	
2:20	and all of you know the truth.	
2:21	I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.	
2:29	If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.	
3:2	Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known . But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.	
3:5	But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.	
3:14	We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.	
3:15	Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.	
5:13	I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.	
5:15	And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.	
5:18	We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.	
5:19	We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.	
5:20	We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.	
John (Gospel)		
3:10,11	“Jesus answered him, ‘Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know , and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.’ ”	
4:22	“You worship what you do not know ; we worship what we know , for salvation is from the Jews.”	
4:32		
5:32	“There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.”	
5:42		
7:17	“If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.”	
7:28-29	8:14;8:19; 8:28;8:328:37;8:55	

10:4-5	10:14,15,27,38	
10:15		
12:35	12:50	
13:7	13:12; 13:17-18	
14:17	“even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”	
14:4, 7; 14:20, 31,		
15:15	“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”	
15:18, 21		
17:3	“This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”	
17:23		
19:35	“He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.”	

First John 2:21 – “I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.”

3756 [e] 1125 [e] 4771 [e] 3754 [e] 3756 [e] 1492 [e] 3588 [e] 225 [e] 235 [e] 3754 [e]
 ouk egrapsa hymin hoti ouk oidate tēn alētheian all' hoti
21 οὐκ ἔγραψα ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐκ οἴδατε τὴν ἀλήθειαν , ἀλλ' ὅτι
 not I have written to you because not you know the truth but because
 Adv V-A1A-1S PPro-D2P Conj Adv V-RIA-2P Art-AFS N-AFS Conj Conj

1492 [e] 846 [e] 2532 [e] 3754 [e] 3956 [e] 5579 [e] 1537 [e] 3588 [e] 225 [e] 3756 [e] 1510 [e]
 oidate autēn kai hoti pan pseudos ek tēs alētheias ouk estin
 οἴδατε αὐτήν , καὶ ὅτι πᾶν ψεῦδος , ἐκ τῆς ἀληθείας οὐκ ἔστιν .
 you know it and that any lie of the truth not is
 V-RIA-2P PPro-AF3S Conj Conj Adj-NNS N-NNS Prep Art-GFS N-GFS Adv V-PIA-3S

- John makes it clear he is not writing a group of people who do NOT know the truth.
- John is writing not to teach them something new, but to remind them that they already know the truth!
- The truth they have been given does NOT produce lies like the ones they are hearing from the secessionist.
- The topic of the truth John is speaking about is the fact that Jesus is the Christ
- The secessionists were denying this, which revealed they were antichrists (2:22-23)
- These are not compromises, but lies. This is truth vs error. The lies are:
 - 1:6 – “If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.”
 - 2:4 – “Whoever says ‘I know him’ but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

- 4:20 – “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”
- 2:22 – “Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.”
- Only Jesus can show us God. Only in Jesus is God revealed. Rejection of Jesus is rejection of the true God
- There are other “gods” or other “spirits” (including Satan and his various names and religions). Any “God” that does not include the Son, Jesus Christ, is not the Triune God of Christianity, but a Pagan (which means Satanic) counterfeit.

First John 2:22 – “Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.”

	5101 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	5583 [e]		1487 [e]	3361 [e]	3588 [e]	720 [e]		3754 [e]	2424 [e]
	Tis	estin	ho	pseustēs	,	ei	mē	ho	arnoumenos	hoti	Iēsous	
22	Τίς	ἐστίν	ὁ	ψεύστης	,	εἰ	μὴ	ὁ	ἀρνούμενος	ὅτι	Ἰησοῦς	
	Who	is	the	liar		if	not	The [one]	denying	that	Jesus	
	IPro-NMS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS	N-NMS		Conj	Adv	Art-NMS	V-PPM/P-NMS	Conj	N-NMS	

	3756 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	5547 [e]		3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	500 [e]		3588 [e]
	ouk	estin	ho	Christos	?	houtos	estin	ho	antichristos	,	ho
	οὐκ	ἔστιν	ὁ	Χριστός	?	οὗτός	ἔστιν	ὁ	ἀντίχριστος	,	ὁ
	not	is	the	Christ		This	is	the	antichrist		The [one]
	Adv	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS	N-NMS		DPro-NMS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS	N-NMS		Art-NMS

	720 [e]		3588 [e]	3962 [e]		2532 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]
	arnoumenos	ton	Patera	kai	ton	Huion		
	ἀρνούμενος	τὸν	Πατέρα	καὶ	τὸν	Υἰόν	.	
	denying	the	Father	and	the	Son		
	V-PPM/P-NMS	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Conj	Art-AMS	N-AMS		

- 2:21 mentions the “lie”. Now in 2:22 John identifies:
 - The Liar – antichrist, the one denying the deity of Jesus
 - The great lie – The lie is to teach that the man Jesus is NOT the anointed one, the promised Messiah of the Old Testament, the Son of God, the Second member of the Trinity, the eternal God.
- People who have left the apostolic teaching are antichrists.
- Jesus spoke in the exact manner in John 8:44-45 the Jews rejected Jesus claim that God was his Father, the Jesus had seen Abraham and Jesus was “I AM”. Jesus said, “*You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.*”
- Do note these secessionist or antichrists did not deny the man Jesus.
 - They apparently knew he was a true historical figure.

- b. They accepted many of the Christian principles and ethics.
 - c. But, they denied the person of Christ which made their religion powerless.
 - d. They remained very active.
 - e. They appeared very religious.
 - f. They presented a very academic side that they wanted to add to the faithful believers.
 - g. But, since they rejected Jesus Christ they also denied his atoning work, his resurrection power, his Word, his Holy Spirit. This means they were powerless and left to human effort, organization and community service.
 - i. 2 Timothy 3:5, 7 – “...having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people...always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.”
5. These antichrists are people who oppose and reject Jesus is the Christ (incarnation). They are antichrists. John is not talking about THE Antichrist who is to come as the fullness of Satan’s opposition to Jesus.
6. These antichrists were not atheists.
- a. They believed in God, but rejected his Son.
 - b. In rejecting the Son these people were not receiving the Father God.
 - c. There is really no middle ground in John’s teaching. No Son means no Father which means your God is Satan.

First John 2:23 – “No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.”

3956 [e]	3588 [e]	720 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	3761 [e]	3588 [e]	3962 [e]	2192 [e]	3588 [e]			
pas	ho	arnoumenos	ton	Huion	oude	ton	Patera	echei	ho			
23	πᾶς	ὁ	ἀρνούμενος	τὸν	Υἱὸν	,	οὐδὲ	τὸν	Πατέρα	ἔχει	.	ὁ
Everyone	-	denying	the	Son	neither	the	Father	has he	The [one]			
Adj-NMS	Art-NMS	V-PPM/P-NMS	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Adv	Art-AMS	N-AMS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS			

3670 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	3962 [e]	2192 [e]		
homologōn	ton	Huion	kai	ton	Patera	echei		
ὁμολογῶν	τὸν	Υἱὸν	,	καὶ	τὸν	Πατέρα	ἔχει	.
confessing	the	Son	also	the	Father	has		
V-PPA-NMS	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Conj	Art-AMS	N-AMS	V-PIA-3S		

1. If there is any confusion John clarifies by making two statements:
 - a. One negative – “Everyone denying the Son has the Father.”
 - b. One positive – “The one confessing the Son also has the Father.”
2. The secessionist claims are false since they reject Jesus Christ:
 - a. 1:5 - to have fellowship with God
 - b. 2:6 – to live in God

First John 2:24 – “Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.”

4771 [e]	3739 [e]	191 [e]	575 [e]	746 [e]	1722 [e]	4771 [e]	3306 [e]	1437 [e]	1722 [e]
hymeis	ho	ēkousate	ap'	archēs	en	hymīn	menetō	ean	en
24 ὑμεῖς , ὃ		ἠκούσατε	ἀπ'	ἀρχῆς ,	ἐν	ὑμῖν	μενέτω .	ἐάν	ἐν
You	what	you have heard	from	[the] beginning	in	you	let it abide	if	in
PPro-N2P	RelPro-ANS	V-AIA-2P	Prep	N-GFS	Prep	PPro-D2P	V-PMA-3S	Conj	Prep

4771 [e]	3306 [e]	3739 [e]	575 [e]	746 [e]	191 [e]	2532 [e]	4771 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]
hymīn	meinē	ho	ap'	archēs	ēkousate	kai	hymeis	en	tō
ὑμῖν	μείνη	ὃ	ἀπ'	ἀρχῆς	ἠκούσατε ,	καὶ	ὑμεῖς	ἐν	τῷ
you	should abide	what	from	[the] beginning	you have heard	also	you	in	the
PPro-D2P	V-ASA-3S	RelPro-ANS	Prep	N-GFS	V-AIA-2P	Conj	PPro-N2P	Prep	Art-DMS

5207 [e]	2532 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	3962 [e]	3306 [e]
Huiō	kai	en	tō	Patri	meneite
Υἱῷ	καὶ	ἐν	τῷ	Πατρὶ	μενεῖτε .
Son	and	in	the	Father	will abide
N-DMS	Conj	Prep	Art-DMS	N-DMS	V-FIA-2P

First John 2:25 – “And this is the promise that he made to us — eternal life.”

2532 [e]	3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	1860 [e]	3739 [e]	846 [e]	1861 [e]	1473 [e]	3588 [e]
kai	hautē	estin	hē	epangelia	hēn	autos	epēngeilato	hēmin	tēn
25 καὶ	αὕτη	ἐστὶν	ἡ	ἐπαγγελία	ἦν	αὐτός	ἐπηγγείλατο	ἡμῖν :	τὴν
And	this	is	the	promise	that	he	promised	us	-
Conj	DPro-NFS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	RelPro-AFS	PPro-NM3S	V-AIM-3S	PPro-D1P	Art-AFS

2222 [e]	3588 [e]	166 [e]
zōēn	tēn	aiōnion
ζωὴν	τὴν	αἰώνιον .
life	-	eternal
N-AFS	Art-AFS	Adj-AFS

First John 2:26 – “I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.”

3778 [e]	1125 [e]	4771 [e]	4012 [e]	3588 [e]	4105 [e]	4771 [e]
Tauta	egrapsa	hymīn	peri	tōn	planōntōn	hymas
26 Ταῦτα	ἔγραψα	ὑμῖν	περὶ	τῶν	πλανώντων	ὑμᾶς ;
These things	I have written	to you	concerning	those	leading astray	you
DPro-ANP	V-AIA-1S	PPro-D2P	Prep	Art-GMP	V-PPA-GMP	PPro-A2P

First John 2:27 – “But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.”

2532 [e]	4771 [e]	3588 [e]	5545 [e]	3739 [e]	2983 [e]	575 [e]	846 [e]	3306 [e]	1722 [e]	4771 [e]
kai	hymeis	to	chrisma	ho	elabete	ap'	autou	menei	en	hymn
27 καὶ	ὕμεῖς ,	τὸ	χρῖσμα	ὃ	ἐλάβετε	ἀπ'	αὐτοῦ ,	μένει	ἐν	ὑμῖν ,
and	you	the	anointing	that	you received	from	him	abides	in	you
Conj	PPro-N2P	Art-NNS	N-NNS	RelPro-ANS	V-AIA-2P	Prep	PPro-GM3S	V-PIA-3S	Prep	PPro-D2P

2532 [e]	3756 [e]	5532 [e]	2192 [e]	2443 [e]	5100 [e]	1321 [e]	4771 [e]	235 [e]	5613 [e]	3588 [e]	846 [e]
kai	ou	chreian	echete	hina	tis	didaskē	hymas	all'	hōs	to	autou
καὶ	οὐ	χρεῖαν	ἔχετε ,	ἵνα	τις	διδάσκη	ὑμᾶς ;	ἀλλ'	ὡς	τὸ	αὐτοῦ
and	not	need	you have	that	anyone	should teach	you	but	as	the	same
Conj	Adv	N-AFS	V-PIA-2P	Conj	IPro-NMS	V-PSA-3S	PPro-A2P	Conj	Adv	Art-NNS	PPro-GM3S

5545 [e]	1321 [e]	4771 [e]	4012 [e]	3956 [e]	2532 [e]	227 [e]	1510 [e]	2532 [e]	3756 [e]
chrisma	didaskei	hymas	peri	pantōn	kai	alēthes	estin	kai	ouk
χρῖσμα ,	διδάσκει	ὑμᾶς	περὶ	πάντων ,	καὶ	ἀληθές	ἐστὶν ,	καὶ	οὐκ
anointing	teaches	you	concerning	all things	and	TRUE	is	and	not
N-NNS	V-PIA-3S	PPro-A2P	Prep	Adj-GNP	Conj	Adj-NNS	V-PIA-3S	Conj	Adv

1510 [e]	5579 [e]	2532 [e]	2531 [e]	1321 [e]	4771 [e]	3306 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]
estin	pseudos	kai	kathōs	edidaxen	hymas	menete	en	autō
ἐστὶν	ψεῦδος ;	καὶ	καθὼς	ἐδίδαξεν	ὑμᾶς ,	μένετε	ἐν	αὐτῷ .
is	a lie	and	just as	it has taught	you	you shall abide	in	him
V-PIA-3S	N-NNS	Conj	Adv	V-AIA-3S	PPro-A2P	V-PIA-2P	Prep	PPro-DM3S

1. The anointing includes both the Word and the Holy Spirit that reveals it. Truth and Spirit.
2. John is focusing on two things with the word “anointing”:
 - a. The teaching of the Truth
 - b. The Spirit that illuminates the Truth to the believer

First John 2:28 – “And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.”

	2532 [e]	3568 [e]	5040 [e]	3306 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]	2443 [e]	1437 [e]	5319 [e]	2192 [e]
	Kai	nyn	teknia	menete	en	autō	hina	ean	phanerōthē	schōmen
28	Καὶ	νῦν	, τεκνία	, μένετε	ἐν	αὐτῷ	, ἵνα	ἐὰν	φανερῶθῃ	σχῶμεν
	And	now	little children	abide	in	him	that	when	he appears	we might have
	Conj	Adv	N-VNP	V-PMA-2P	Prep	PPro-DM3S	Conj	Conj	V-ASP-3S	V-ASA-1P

	3954 [e]	2532 [e]	3361 [e]	153 [e]	575 [e]	846 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	3952 [e]
	parrēsiān	kai	mē	aischynthōmen	ap'	autou	en	tē	parousia
	παρρησίαν	, καὶ	μὴ	αἰσχυνθῶμεν	ἀπ'	αὐτοῦ	, ἐν	τῇ	παρουσίᾳ
	boldness	and	not	be ashamed	before	him	at	the	coming
	N-AFS	Conj	Adv	V-ASP-1P	Prep	PPro-GM3S	Prep	Art-DFS	N-DFS

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First John 2:29 – “If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.”

	1437 [e]	1492 [e]	3754 [e]	1342 [e]	1510 [e]	1097 [e]	3754 [e]	2532 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]
	ean	eidēte	hoti	dikaios	estin	ginōskete	hoti	kai	pas	ho
29	ἐὰν	εἰδῆτε	ὅτι	δίκαιός	ἐστίν	, γινώσκετε	ὅτι	καὶ	πᾶς	ὁ
	If	you know	that	righteous	he is	you know	that	also	everyone	-
	Conj	V-RSA-2P	Conj	Adj-NMS	V-PIA-3S	V-PIA-2P	Conj	Conj	Adj-NMS	Art-NMS

	4160 [e]	3588 [e]	1343 [e]	1537 [e]	846 [e]	1080 [e]
	poiōn	tēn	dikaiosynēn	ex	autou	gegennētai
	ποιῶν	τὴν	δικαιοσύνην	, ἐξ	αὐτοῦ	γεγέννηται .
	practicing	-	righteousness	of	him	has been begotten
	V-PPA-NMS	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Prep	PPro-GM3S	V-RIMP-3S