



**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

**Sermon Series: Walk in God's Light –**

**Live in God's Love**

**Title: The Truth About Sincerity**

**Text: 1 John 2:18-29**

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**Big Idea:** All of the sincerity in the world will not turn one of Satan's subtle lies into God's absolute truth.

**Three godly actions that help us avoid spiritual deception:**

**1) Recognize the hour in which we live.** (Acts 2:18-18 / 1 John 2:18-19)

**2) Remember the resources God has provided.**

(1 John 2:20-24 / 2 Tim. 3:14-17 / 2 Cor. 1:21-22)

Every Christian has been given The Word of God and the Spirit of God with which to combat heresy and motivate our faithfulness.

**3) Children are shaped for God by His sovereign grace.** (1 John 2:25-29)

Never settle for merely being sincere when God invites us to find delight being guided daily by His truth and presence.

**Study / discussion questions for: 1 John 2:18-29**

- Talk about a time when you were absolutely sincere about something, but later realized you were sincerely wrong.
- John intends believers to be more intentional about how they live their faith in this “last hour”. How might our intentional living be different in our modern time than in John’s time? How might it be the same?
- What are some examples of “antichrist” false teachers that you have been aware of during your lifetime? What are some of the best ways you have been able to counter their falsehoods?
- John warns that departure from fellowship is a dangerous tendency of false teachers. How is that different than those believers who change churches? How could the modern tendency of “Christian church hopping” become less common and be replaced with perseverance?
- How can Christians increasingly find joy in daily “abiding,” or staying closely connected to Jesus? What daily activities or disciplines could lead toward that goal?