

# Sermon Supplement from February 25

Escaping the Subtle Spiritual Sellout | 1 John 2:24-29

## Warm Up

- In what ways have you seen Christians or churches sell out or turn their back on the foundational truths of Scripture?

## Dig In

*Read 1 John 2:24-25 – Let God's Word Abide In You*

- In your own words explain why it is so important to hold onto the tried-and-true doctrines and truths of the Bible.
- What are the dangers of always looking for a new doctrine or teaching?
- Talk about specific ways you can be anchored in the Word of God extensively, thoroughly, systematically, individually, and collectively.
- In what ways does Hebrews 2:1 add to this challenge?

*Read 1 John 2:26-27 – Let God's Spirit Teach You*

- In your own words explain why we need BOTH the Spirit of God and the Word of God to understand spiritual truth. Why is each important? What happens if you neglect one or the other?
- Do these verses teach that you don't need anyone else to help you understand the Bible? Explain.
- How do the following cross-references help explain the Holy Spirit's role in your understanding of spiritual truth: John 14:25-26; John 16:12-14; 1 Cor 2:6-13?
- What are some practical ways you could live out this point?

*Read 1 John 2:28-29 – Let God's Appearing Motivate You*

- In what ways are both shame and confidence good motivators?
- What might it look like to live in such a way as to have confidence and not shrink back in shame at the coming of Christ?

## Wrap Up

- How has this passage challenged the way you think about the Bible, the Holy Spirit, and spiritual truth?
- In what ways might you be open to Subtle Spiritual Sellout?
- What specifically can you do to strengthen yourself against Subtle Spiritual Sellout?

*Next Week's Sermon: 1 John 3:1-3*

- *Read the text several times in multiple translations.*
- *Read the text in the context of the verses around it.*
- *Read study Bible notes or a commentary on the passage.*
- *Write down what you think is the big idea of the passage.*
- *Write down a few personal applications.*