

1Jn 2:20 “you have an ANOINTING from the Holy One, and you all know”

1Jn 2:27 “the ANOINTING which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you”

Gnosticism ... ?

Three Questions

- What is the “anointing”?
- Do WE have it?
- What does it mean to us?

1 John: Tests of Fellowship / “Life” 1:2-3...5:11

- 1:5-2:6 - Righteousness (1:6)
- 2:7-17 - Love (2:10)
- 2:18-28 - Faith (2:22)

- 2:24-3:10a - Righteousness
- 3:10b-22 - Love
- 3:23-4:6 - Faith

- 4:7-5:3 - Love
- 5:4-15 - Faith
- 5:16-21 - Righteousness

Context of 2:20-27

- Why they should not be moved away from their faith in Jesus as the Christ by “antichrists” (v22), but abide in it.
 - Because what they knew was the truth that assures fellowship with the Father and Son and gives eternal life.
- Such people were predicted v18 (Gal 1:6f; 2Pt 2:1f; Jude 3)
- These teachers separated themselves from the apostles and their doctrine v19 (4:1-6; 2Jn 9-10; Ac 2:42)
- The anointing they received from the Holy One taught them the whole truth about life in the Son. They were lacking in nothing. They were truly God’s people through their faith in Jesus as the Christ. vv21,24-25

What is the “**anointing**”?

- Holy Spirit?

Vine ... Thayer ... Protestant principle ... Roman Catholicism

- The truth about life in the Son, Jesus Christ, as revealed by the Holy Spirit to the apostles

Parallel **v24** with **v27**

The “anointing” “is true” (**v27**) — “lie” vs “truth” **vv22-23**

Confidence in fellowship/life - objec. or subject.? **1:1-4; 5:13**

4:13-15

Do WE have it? 2:24; Jn 20:30-31

What does it mean to us? 4:3-6; 5:1,20

