

Text: 1 John 2:22-25

Title: "The Promise of Eternal Life"

Theme: *Deniers reject. Confessors abide. One receives God's promise.*

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22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. **23** Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. **24** As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. **25** This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

I. Confess - (vs. 22-23)

- A. "Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?" (22)
- B. "This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son." (22)
- C. "Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father" (23)
- D. "the one who confesses the Son has the Father also." (23)

II. Abide - (vs. 24)

- A. "As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning."
- B. "If what you heard from the beginning abides in you"
- C. "you also will abide in the Son and in the Father."

III. Believe - (vs. 25)

- A. "This is the promise which He Himself made to us"
- B. "eternal life"

Personal Application

1. Read the Book of Ephesians and write out a list of the promises you find in it. Then, thank God not only for those promises but also for the promise of eternal life.

Small Group Discussion

1. Discuss what you think it means to deny Jesus Christ and also to confess Him to other people. Then, talk about a time you confessed Him to other people who were unbelievers.
2. Read 1 John 2:22; 4:3; and 2 John 1:7. Describe and discuss what each of these verses say about what an antichrist (someone who is an unbeliever) does or believes/disbelieves.
3. Read 1 John 2:23. Discuss why people who deny Jesus Christ also, therefore, do not believe in God the Father.
4. Discuss what "eternal life" is, both from the standpoint of quantity and quality.
5. Read Revelation 21:10-27. Discuss what The New Jerusalem (city that comes down out of heaven) looks like, contains, etc.