



# 1<sup>st</sup> John

## Part 3 - Walk in the Truth

Sermon Recap

### Conversation Starters:

- What is your definition of truth?
- What truth means the most to you and why? (Your truth, the worlds truth, or God's truth)
- What truths are you living out the most, how and why? (Personally, does anything need change?)

**Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.**

### Reflect:

1.) Read [1st John 2:18](#) and [1st John 4:6-8](#) NIV: Pastor Jason shared three marks of the Spirit of Antichrist: 1.) They **Depart** from **Fellowship** - [1st John 2:19](#) NIV. 2.) They **Deny** the **Faith** – [1st John 2:20-25](#) NIV. 3.) They **Deceive** the **Faithful** - [1st John 2:26](#), [1st Timothy 4:1](#), and [2nd Corinthians 11:3-4](#) NIV.

Why do you think your “identity” in Christ is vitally important to you as a believer?

What are some pitfalls we place ourselves into when we forget or neglect our identity in Christ?

Do you find any of the three marks of Antichrist to be true in your life? (If so, what's your next step?)

2.) Read [1st John 2:27](#) NIV - Pastor Jason identified four “marks” of the Child of God: 1.) We have **Confidence** in His **Coming** - [1st John 2:28-29](#) NIV. 2.) We have **Confirmation** as His **Child** - [1st John 3:1-3](#) NIV. 3.) We have **Conviction** toward His **Commands** – [1st John 3:4-8](#) NIV. 4.) We are **Compelled** by the **Holy Spirit** – [1st John 3:9-10](#) NIV.

Which of the four marks that Pastor Jason shared are proven true in your life today and why?

Share your thoughts on each of the fours marks above and what each means to you personally.

What steps can you take today to start proving true the less predominant marks in your life?





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### Apply It:

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, [John 14:6](#) NIV. Christ is the example of how a life is lived in truth. His life exemplified the Word of God which is one of the reasons why Jesus is referred to as the “living Word of God.” “Walking” speaks to a way of being and to the direction one is actually going. We can walk in the knowledge of truth or in the deception of error. Which path do you want to walk? To walk in truth is to hear God’s Word. Receive it. Believe it. Then make the decision to faithfully live it out. Do you have confidence in Christ’s coming? Do you have confirmation as a child of God? Are you convicted of His commands? Are you driven to obedience by the Holy Spirit? Begin walking in faith in each of these areas. Stand steadfast upon God’s Word. Declare His Word true in your life by walking faithfully in alignment with His Word. In so doing you prove your faith in truth. Like Jesus, you too become the living Word of God.

### Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

**Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week:**

Lord, You cannot be deceived. You know all things and define all truth. You are the Father of truth and Your Word is sovereign. In You Lord God we are strong because You are strong. We receive of Your goodness Father because You are good. In You we know the truth. In You we are not deceived. The truth of Your Word is what sets us free. Help us surrender our personal opinions and beliefs to You Lord God. Help us surrender any truths we may be clinging to that live outside of the truth of Your Word. Your Word is for our good and Your glory. Help us see the truth so we can walk in truth. Help us surrender any and all things that compromise the truth, in Christ we pray, amen.