

# 1 John 2:3–29: There Should be No Shades of Gray with Us

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## I. Introduction

Fellowship (walking) with God is visible to the naked eye. Our love or hatred of our brethren reveals whether or not we're walking with God. Since we have believed that Jesus is the Christ and received God's anointing, we should abide in that anointing so that we may stand boldly and not shrink away in shame when Christ returns.

## II. **Review:** 1 John 1:1 – 2:2, There are No Shades of Gray with God

1 John 1:1-4: John and those with him want to reveal to their audience the Eternal Life (Christ) they personally experienced so that they can have mutual fellowship with God and Christ and ultimately so that their joy may be full.

1 John 1:5 – 2:2: The message that John personally received from Christ is: *God is light and in Him is **no** Darkness **at all***. This has ramifications for those who walk with God: they must be honest about the sin God's light reveals. Knowing all this should drive us not to sin in the first place and if we do sin, it should drive us to confess it.

## III. **1 John 2:3–17**: Walking with God is visible; one way it is revealed is whether or not we love our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

One way our fellowship with God is revealed is in the manner we treat our brothers and sisters. The moment we don't love them, we are in disobedience to God's commands and walking in darkness. Though this is a daunting task, John assures his audience that they can and have done this, at every age level, which assures us.

## IV. **1 John 2:18–26**: John warns his audience of antichrists, who once walked with John, but comforts them that they're not antichrists since they have God's anointing.

John warns his audience of antichrists, who at one time walked with John and those with him, but who revealed themselves as antichrists when they denied that Jesus is the Christ. Then John comforts his audience and assures them that they are not antichrists because they have an anointing from God.

## V. **1 John 2:27–29**: John assures his audience that God's anointing is their source for abiding in Christ, thus, he urges them to abide in Him and pursue righteousness.

John continues encouraging his audience that God's anointing abides in them and is their source for abiding in Christ. So he urges them to continue abiding in Christ and pursue righteousness so that when He returns they will be bold and not ashamed.

## VI. Conclusion

How we treat our brothers and sisters reveals whether or not we're walking with God. Since we have God's anointing, the source for abiding in Christ, our lives should reflect it and not show any hint of gray.