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Main Point

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1 John 2:12-29;

Discuss

- John addresses children, father, and young men twice. Looking deeply at his pronouncements to each, who are these three groups, spiritually-speaking?
- Some bible scholars would say that 1 John 2:15-17 is a direct parallel to Eve's temptation in Genesis 3:6? Do you see the parallel? If so, How is Eve's example with the original fruit, and the sin that followed, helpful for us?
- According to John, what are the things that indicate true faith (vs. 19-23)?
- How does the "anointing [which] abides in us" serve the place of all the necessary teaching? (ref. John 14:16-17, 25-26). Is earthly teaching completely useless? Was John teaching them...about teaching them?
- Why don't we deal more with reward/loss of reward among God's children? How does the possibility of "shame" affect our understanding of our relationship with God? How does it compare with other teaching in scripture?



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