

What Characterizes Christian Judgment?

Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel
1st John Study - emphasis on 1st John 2:26-29
Sunday – June 29th, 2025

CONTEXT: We continue in our outline under the conditions for fellowship. To have fellowship with God we must be renewed by faith in the only provision that can make us right with God, and that is our Savior Jesus Christ. If we are renewed in Him, we will bear the marks of that renewal. 1st John is written as John states in 1 John 5:13, “That we know we have eternal life.” He has written it so that by it we may be examined ourselves to understand whether the character of our life is marked by the things John addresses that are true of Christians. This new paragraph focuses on the ability Christian’s to have discernment. Such clarity in living in the fallen world brings an ability to determine truth from error and serves as a mark of belonging to God.

Broad outline of the book of 1st John (underlined portion is the immediate context)

- I. The Reality of the Person of Christ (1:1-4)
- II. The Reality of Fellowship with Christ (1:5-2:29)
 - A. The Conditions for Fellowship (1st John 1:5-2:29)
 - 5. Walking away from evil (2:12-17)
 - 6. Wisdom to abide in Him (2:18-25)
 - 7. Wholesome result of abiding (2:26-29)

<i>Key Words</i>
• Abide(s) (3)
• Anointing (2)
• Know (2)
• Deceive
• Confidence
• Practices
• Righteous(ness) (2)

Introduction:

- Marked by vigilant discernment (2:26)

- Marked by abiding in clarity (2:27)

- Marked by abiding in confidence (2:28)

- Marked by bearing His image (2:29)

Closing:
