

THE FUNCTION OF THE UNCTION

1st John 2:18-29

I. HE ALERTS US TO THE DANGERS OF THEIR DECEPTION (vv. 18-20)

A. The Danger from Without (v. 18)—*many antichrists have come...*

B. The Danger from Within (v. 19)—*they were not of us...*

II. HE GIVES US DISCERNMENT ABOUT TRUE DOCTRINE (vv. 21-23)

A. The Nature of the Scripture (v. 21)—*the truth...*

B. The Nature of the Son (vv. 22-23)—*Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?*

III. HE HELPS US IN THE DUTY OF OUR DEVELOPMENT (vv. 24-29)

A. To Learn from Jesus (vv. 26-27)—*But the anointing that you received from him abides in you...*

B. To Look for Jesus (v. 28)—*abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming...*

C. To Live Like Jesus (v. 29)—*If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.*