

## **20210523 HOW TO USE THE COMPASS FOR OUR JOURNEY**

Deeper into Fellowship and Love Part 6

1 John 2:18-29

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

<sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

<sup>20</sup> But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.

<sup>21</sup> I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.

<sup>22</sup> Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist--he denies the Father and the Son.

<sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

<sup>24</sup> See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.

<sup>25</sup> And this is what he promised us--even eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray.

<sup>27</sup> As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.

<sup>28</sup> And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

<sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

### **God gave us the maps and the compass for our direction.**

1 Peter 1:10-11

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care,

<sup>11</sup> trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

### **Some people didn't know how to use them. (2 Peter 3:15-16)**

<sup>15</sup> Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

<sup>16</sup> He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

### **The history: It has a beginning and an ending.**

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Galatians 4:4-5

<sup>4</sup> But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,

<sup>5</sup> to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers,

<sup>2</sup> not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

<sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

2 Thessalonian 2:3

<sup>3</sup> Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

<sup>4</sup> He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

<sup>5</sup> Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

### **Two major things to happen before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ**

One. The departure.

Two. The revelation of the man of the lawlessness.

1 John 2:24

<sup>24</sup> See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.

### **One more layer of our confidence: The Anointing**

<sup>27</sup> As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.

### **Our job in the journey: Continue in Jesus Christ**

28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.