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Hebrews 4:12

**For the word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing to the division of soul and of spirit,
of joints and marrow, and discerning the
thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

...why learn the Bible?

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INVESTIGATION OF 1 JOHN

Author & Recipients

John

'the one Jesus loved'

Churches in Asia Minor

'modern day Turkey'

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Purpose

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1 John 1:5-2:6

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1 John 2:7-17

Matthew 28:18-20

- 18** Jesus said to His eleven disciples,
“All authority in heaven and on earth has
been given to me.
- 19** Go therefore and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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Rather than a 'knowledge or information' based discipleship we need to have an obedience based discipleship.

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to love and to abide in love!

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The Heart of a Shepherd

I John 2:18-27

The protection of a shepherd...

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The Gospel of John...

chapter 10



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...“*antichrist is coming*”...

in the last days before the second coming of Christ *it is guaranteed* that the ‘*antichrist*’ will set himself up in opposition to Christ and the people of God by demanding the entire earth worship him and receive his mark identifying the people as obedient to him, claiming deity and defying the authority of Jesus Christ.

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False teachers who deny the deity and the incarnation of Christ...

- either by separating His divinity from His humanity (Gnosticism)
- denying His humanity (Docetism)
- denying His full and complete divinity (Cerinthus)

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Abide: meno

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