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John 15:4,9-10 (ESV)

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love

Cong.

John 15:11 (ESV)

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you,
that my joy may be in you, and that
your joy may be full.

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1John 2:24-25 (ESV)

²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us— eternal life.

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1John 2:26-27 (ESV)

²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

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1John 2:28,29 (ESV)

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. ²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

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2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

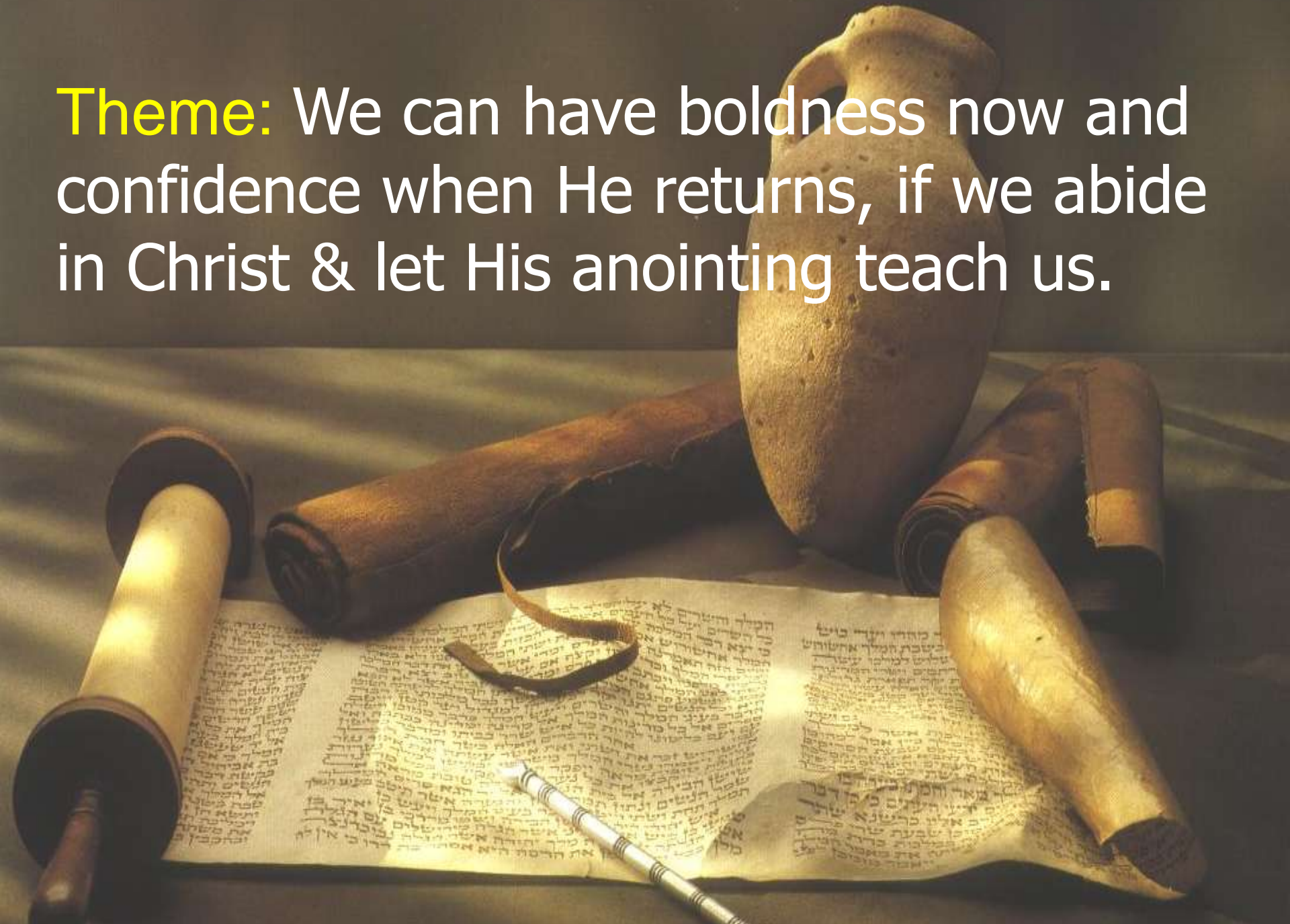
Hebrews 4:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



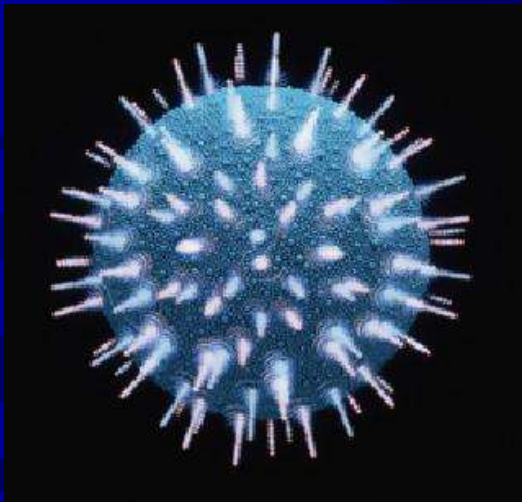
Test of Truth: Boldness in Christ
1 John 2:24-29

Theme: We can have boldness now and confidence when He returns, if we abide in Christ & let His anointing teach us.



Abiding in Christ... 2:24-29

- The purpose of John's Epistle is that those who believe *know* they have eternal life (5:13).
- Purpose #2: That we don't sin (2:1)
- Purpose #3 That we learn to spot deception. (2:26)



Abiding in Christ... 2:24-29

- John tests for fellowship with the God of Light (eternal life) looking for progress in truth, love & holiness.
- **Abiding in Christ Means we...**
- **Let** the truth about Him **abide** in us so we **abide** (6X) in Him. (v.24)
- **Discern** the truth about deceivers who are trying to deceive us. (v.26)

Abiding in Christ Means we... 2:24-29

- **Realize** that the anointing abides in us to give discernment. (v.27)
- **Practice** righteousness. (v.29)

Abiding in Christ gives us... 2:25,28,29

- **Assurance** of the promise of eternal life. (v.25,29)
- **Boldness** before the world since we have the anointing. (v.26,27)
 - We, not the world, have the anointing to teach us!
 - We're called to teach the world the truth!
- **Confidence** (lit. 'to say all') instead of shame when He returns. (v.28)

Applications...

- Am I abiding in the Word and Christ?
- Am I using the anointing to detect & defeat the spirit of antichrist in my life?
- Am I experiencing the assurance of eternal life? (Heb. 4:16)

Applications

- Am I acting on the boldness given me in Christ right now? (2Tim 1:7)
- Yes?, then I can be confident when He returns, and not shrink away from Him!
- Do I want to hear “Well done, good and faithful servant” more than anything?