



Series: 1 John

Lesson: 6–7. The Antichrists Among Us

Passage: 1 John 2:18–27

STRONGLY Recommended Reading: 1 John (weekly) & Gospel of John
(at least once during our study)

- Our _____ from Antichrists (vv18–20)
 - ‘The last hour’=‘The last days’

Acts 2:16–17 – but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

*¹⁷‘And it shall be in **the last days**,’ God says,
‘That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
And your young men shall see visions,
And your old men shall dream dreams;’*

*2 Tim. 3:1 – But realize this, that in **the last days** difficult times will come.*

- The proof that it is ‘the last hour’ is that many _____ have come.

- The Antichrist: see 2 Thess. 2:1–10; Rev. 13:1–10 (also see Dan. 9:26–27; 11:29–32; 12:11; Matt. 24:15)
 - Many ‘antichrists’ will rise up in the meantime.

- We can be encouraged by their presence that all of human history is going according to God’s _____.

- They were never a part of the same team.
 - First reference to the _____ of the saints: Those who are truly saved will not depart from the faith.
 - Their departures prove they were never real to begin with.

- The ‘anointing’=the _____

- The _____ of Antichrists (vv21–23)

- They know the _____ their opponents lack.
- Proof of salvation (in addition to obedience and love for brothers): _____, especially about Christ

1 John 4:2–3 – By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

2 John 7 – For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

- The _____ of Christ is the basis of salvation.

*John 14:6–7 – Jesus *said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. ⁷If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.”*

- Our _____ from Antichrists (vv24–27)
 - Our first protection: _____ teaching
 - The Apostles are the foundation of the Church (Eph. 2:19–20).
 - What they ‘taught from the beginning’ was the _____.
 - They shouldn’t have listened to anyone who differed from what the Apostles taught.

1 John 4:6 – We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

- _____ itself is at stake!
- Our second protection: the _____
 - He gives people discernment to be able to tell the real Gospel from false based on His Word.
 - ‘Abide in Him’ most likely an imperative.

John 15:4–7 – **Abide** in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it **abides** in the vine, so neither can you unless you **abide** in Me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches; he who **abides** in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not **abide** in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. ⁷If you **abide** in Me, and My words **abide** in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

What Do We Do with These Truths?

1. Don't toy with _____.
2. Use _____ to protect us from heresy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How is it helpful to remember that we're in 'the last hour'?
2. Why is it important/valuable to identify false teachers as antichrists even if it seems harsh?
3. Why is it so important to get Who Christ is correct?
4. Explain what using God's means of protection looks like when you run into false teaching.

Blanks: Distinction, antichrists, plan, perseverance, Holy Spirit, Identification, truth, theology, Protection, apostolic, Gospel, salvation, Holy Spirit, heresy, God's means