

Parental Guidance Required
I John 2: 18-27

1. This is the last hour

The last hour began with the coming of Jesus and the start of the Christian church

Jesus said it would be marked by the presence of false christs and false prophets. (Mark 13: 21 – 23)

Paul warned that it would be a time when people would be deceived by demons (I Timothy 4: 1)

2. Who or what are “antichrists”?

Does not necessarily mean they present themselves as being the Christ or a saviour.

Teach a message that is contrary to the truth as it is found in Jesus

Deny that Jesus is the Christ

Deny the essential connection between the Father and the Son.

3. “Have gone out from us...did not belong to us.”

The visible church will always have a mix of true believers and apparent believers.

In this case, they showed their real condition by leaving the fellowship.

2. Arming ourselves against error

a) Remind yourself of the truth

-presupposes a solid foundation based on the teaching of the apostles

b) resist the temptation of seeking new truth or deeper enlightenment

-Gnostics claimed to be spiritual elites with access to deeper truths and secret knowledge (gnosis)

- Every believer has the anointing

“chrisma” – refers to the _____ used to anoint.
For believers this is the _____.

The Holy Spirit lives within us to teach us

What He teaches always glorifies Jesus and is in line with the Word of God (John 16: 12 – 16)

c) Remain in the truth and in relationship to the Father and the Son

“meno” means to “ *dwell, stay, settle*”, and speaks of permanence, perseverance and a close and settled union.

Willingness to obey will lead to knowledge of the truth.

John 7: 17 - *If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.*