

Antichrists Among Us – I John 2:18-27

We know it is the last hour because of the presence of many antichrists (2:18).

The antichrists left us because they didn't truly belong to us (2:19-21).

The antichrists left us because they deny the truth about Jesus (2:22-23).

Two protections from the deception of the antichrists (2:24-27).

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was difficult, helpful, or challenging from this study of God's Word?
2. How did the apostle John know that he was living in the last hour (2:18)?
3. What does it mean to be living in the last hour?
4. Who does John identify as the antichrists of his day (2:19)?

5. What examples of antichrists do we see in our own day?
6. According to John, those who left the fellowship and fell away from the true gospel never really belonged to the church community (2:19). Does this support the doctrine of the believer's security of salvation? If so, how?
7. What two things protect the true believer from being deceived by the false teachers or antichrists (see 2:20)?
8. What is the primary false teaching of the antichrists of John's day (2:22-23)? What examples of the same false teaching can be seen in our own day?
9. John says that his audience did not need any new revelation from the false teachers but instead they needed to cling to the revelation they had already received in the beginning from the apostles (2:24). How can we apply this to ourselves today?
10. John mentions the anointing of the Spirit as a safeguard against being deceived by the false teachers. How does the Spirit safeguard us against false teaching (see 2:24-27)?