

Series "Following After God"
"The False Life"
1 John 2:18-27 (Part-1)
Study-5

John has warned the church family about the conflict between light and darkness (1 John 1:1-2:6)

Warned the church family about genuine love and hate (1 John 2:7-17)

Now John warns them about the conflict between truth and error. (Doctrinal Test)

Jesus had His Judas - John 6:70

Jesus warned us of our own Judas' - Matt 7:15

1 John 2:18-27

1. Verse 18 – The Last Hour:
2. Verses 19-26 – The Antichrists:
3. Verses 20-27 – The Believers Security:

Antichrists Are In the Church – Believers Have the Spirit of God Inside:

Antichrist's Beliefs – The Genuine Christian Message:

Antichrist's Evil Purpose – The Christian's Union With Jesus:

- 1. Verse 18 – The Last Hour:**
- 2. Verse 19 – Antichrist's Relation To The People Of God:**
- 3. Verses 22-23 – Antichrist's Distinctive Beliefs:**
- 4. Verse 26 – Antichrist's Evil Purpose:**

1. Verse 18 – The Last Hour:

1 John 2:18

Children, John loved this term it means, "infant, a little child"

- Maintaining Fellowship:
- Maintaining Truth:
- Maintaining Righteousness:
- Maintaining Love:
- Maintaining Assurance:

1 John 2:3-27 Maintaining Truth:

1 John 2:17

last hour; "Time is running out"

Matt 24:36

Antichrist – is used exclusively by John. 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3 and 2 John 7

Antichrist – Anti – against or in stead of; "One who stands against Christ or one who stands in stead of Christ (Takes His place)"
Meaning: One assuming the guise of Christ, opposes Christ. He is both a counterfeit of Christ and a rival Christ; a usurper and an adversary."

1. Antichrist Is A Person Who Will Lead World Rebellion Against Christ. Just as you heard that antichrist is coming , note that antichrist (Singular)

Anti-Christ In The Old Testament:

"The Assyrian" - Isa. 10:5-6

"King of Babylon" - Isa. 14:4

"The Little Horn" - Daniel 7:8; 8:9-12

"A King of Fierce Countenance" - Dan. 8:23

"The Prince That Shall Come" - Dan. 9:26

"The Willful King" - Dan. 11:36

Anti-Christ In The New Testament:

"Abomination of desolation" - Matt 24:15

"The Man of Lawlessness", "The Son of Destruction"

2 Thess 2:3-6

Rev 13 - "The Beast"

2. Antichrist Is False Teachers Who Embody This Spirit. Even now many antichrists (Plural)

Mark 13:22

The Bible warns us about Counterfeit Representatives: 2 Cor 11:13-15

2 Peter 2:1-3

3. Antichrist Is A Spirit In The World That Opposes Or Denies Christ.

2. Verse 19 – Antichrist’s Relation To The People Of God:

1 John 2:19

Us, (The Church) as one worldwide family, (1 Cor 12) and as local units or assemblies of believers. (Acts 2:41-42)

but they were not really of us; “They came of our company, but they never belonged to our company”

Matt 13:37-39

Continuance to the end is a mark of real discipleship – Matt 10:22

John 8:31

(Human Side) The Heretics Went Out Because They Were Dissatisfied.

2 Tim 4:3-4

(Divine Side) The Heretics Went Out Fulfilling God’s Purpose.

3. Verses 22-23 – Antichrist’s Distinctive Beliefs:

1 John 2:22

The key question for a Christian is: “Who is Jesus Christ?”

1 John 4:3

Denial of Jesus Being The Christ - Results in the rejection of the Father-Son Relationship of The Godhead: This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

John is saying, “To reject Jesus as the Christ is to deny that He is the Eternal Son of God. Thus God is not Father and Jesus is not Son.”

1 John 2:23

Denial of Jesus Being The Christ – Is to Deprive Oneself of God The Father: Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father;

John 5:22-23

John 10:30 “I and My Father are One”

Matt 11:27

John 14:6

Confesses – “to agree, to accept, to acknowledge”; Deny – “reject or disown”

A confession is not a mere intellectual “theological statement” that you recite; it is a personal witness from your heart of what Christ has done for you. If you have trusted Christ and have confessed your faith, you have eternal life (1 John 2:25). Those who cannot honestly make this confession do not have eternal life.

Romans 10:9-10

4. Verse 26 – Antichrist’s Evil Purpose:

1 John 2:26

These things I have written to you; The phrase “I am writing these things” 7X.

deceive – “roam from safety, truth, or virtue, go astray, seduce, wander, be out of the way”

“those who are trying to mislead you”; “those who would deceive you”; “those who would lead you astray”

2 Cor 4:1-2

John 5:39-40

Application:

1. The Last Hour: We are living in the day of deception.
2. Antichrist’s Relation To The People Of God: Wheat and tares, seed on shallow soil and in the thorns.
3. Antichrist’s Distinctive Beliefs: Denial of Jesus Christ’s Deity, denial of the reality of Jesus Christ, denial of the trinity.
4. Antichrist’s Evil Purpose: To deceive, lead astray, keep us from Jesus and the Word.