

"Threat of the Antichrists"

1 John 2:18-27

18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. 22 Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist-he denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

24 See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he promised us-even eternal life.

26 I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. 27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit-just as it has taught you, remain in him.

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Living in "The Last Hour"

The time has always been at hand
The conditions are always right
The longest hour in history!

Identifying the "Antichrist"

Evil that appears to be good
Salvation promised without Jesus
Intent to destroy the church

Characteristics of John's antichrists:

They seemed to be friends of the church
They claimed new forms of knowledge
They denied Jesus as the Christ
They continued to exert influence

What we believe about Jesus really matters!

Jesus is the Christ	(Messiah)
Jesus is the Son of God	(Divine)
Jesus became a man	(Incarnation)
Jesus Saves!	(Salvation)

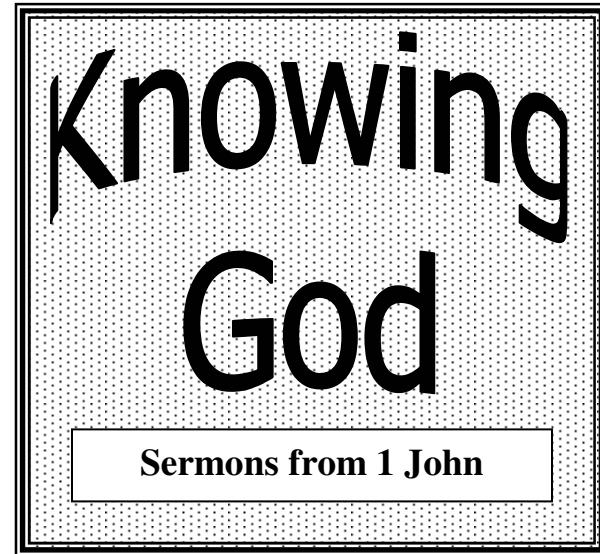
Modern-day antichrists:

Enthronement of enlightenment
Universalizing of the spiritual
Acceptance of pluralism

Protecting ourselves from antichrists:

Let the truth remain in us:
God's Word received
The Holy Spirit fills
Let us remain in the Truth
Trust in Jesus completely
Know Jesus fully

How prepared are you for the antichrists of today?



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