

Life that is Real
“Don’t Be Deceived” (B)
I John 2:18-28
Pt. 6

Introduction - *“Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.”*

I John 2:18-28

John says, “it is the last time or hour.” How do we know it’s the last hour? The presence and proliferation of Antichrist teachers.” They are forerunners of “The Antichrist that will come.” They deny that Jesus is the Christ, vs. 22. So as a result, they have not the Father, vs. 23. They come to “lead you astray,” vs. 26. That’s a scary thought. Is there nothing we can do to protect ourselves against deception?

No we are not defenseless; we have read a defense for deception! (vv. 24-28)

1. The Life of God, vs. 25.

- John 3:16
- What is eternal life? John 17.
- How do we get eternal life? Illus. - The rich young ruler. Also, I Cor. 2:14, the natural man.

If you’re not born again, your not a child of God.

If you are, you will:

1. Walk in the light.
2. Confess your sins.
3. Keep His commands.
4. Love your brother.
5. Believe that Jesus is the Christ.

2. The Spirit of God, vs. 20 & 27.

- a. “All Christians have the Holy Spirit,” vs. 20, study it.
- b. All Christians have the Holy Spirit given as a gift to permanently abide in them, and teach them the truth, vs. 27. See also, John 14:16-17.
- c. You need not that any man teach you? Context, Gnostic deeper life. Only the Holy Spirit can open our eyes! His illumination and transformation.

d. He's the Spirit of Truth. But the Spirit of God uses the Word of God. (Objective truth.)

3. The Word of God, vs. 24.

- Verse 24, begins with an empathic personal pronoun!
- It's the Gospel message.
- Also teaching about Jesus.
- It's also the Word of God.
- It's a command to let God's Word abide in us.
- If so, we abide in the "Son" and the "Father".
- II Timothy 3:14-17

4. Abiding in God, vs. 28.

- a. Little Children: "Born ones...(true Christians)
- b. What is abiding? 1:7, it's both "union" and "communion".
- c. Why should we abide?

He's coming! Literally, His personal coming and presence!

1. "We may have confidence," in prayer (vs. 3:21, 5:14) and when He comes (4:17).
2. "Not be ashamed". Saved soul, but wasted life! Illustration: The Bema Seat.

1. Truth matters.

2. As Christians, we have a responsibility to know truth.

3. Life of God, Spirit of God, Word of God, Abide in God.