



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

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Allies Against Antichrists' Deception

Bible Reading: 1 John 2:18-27

18 Children, it is the last hour. And as you have heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. By this we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. However, they went out so that it might be made clear that none of them belongs to us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I have not written to you because you don't know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie comes from the truth. 22 Who is the liar, if not the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This one is the antichrist: the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; he who confesses the Son has the Father as well. 24 What you have heard from the beginning is to remain in you. If what you have heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he himself made to us: eternal life.

26 I have written these things to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. 27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you don't need anyone to teach you. Instead, his anointing teaches you about all things and is true and is not a lie; just as it has taught you, remain in him. (CSB)

I. Recognizing the deceivers – v. 26

A. They deny Jesus is the Christ, they are antichrists – v. 22

B. They deny the Son, therefore they deny the Father – v. 23

1. To deny the Son is to deny the Father

2. The one who denies the Son does not have the Father

3. Since they deny the Son and the Father, they do not have fellowship with the Father, and they are liars – v. 22

C. They are trying to lead people away to follow them – vv. 4:6; 2 John 7

D. John writes not to teach but to warn them about the deceivers – v. 26

?. First ally: the truth which they heard from the beginning and in which they should remain – 2:21, 24

A. John affirms and strengthens the truth they already know v. 21

B. The truth that was heard from the beginning regarding Christ – v. 24

C. Remaining in the truth results in remaining in the Son and in the Father – v. 24

D. Having the Son and the Father is to have the promise of eternal life – v. 25

?. Second ally: the anointing – vv. 2:20, 27

A. The anointing – a new term

B. It is from the Holy One – from Jesus Christ (John 6:69)

1. It is something from Jesus Christ – the anointed one

C. The anointing is consistent and confirms what was heard and received from the beginning

1. The anointing abides in them. – 2:27

2. The anointing teaches us all things – 2:20, 27

3. It is real and true

4. It has taught you in the past

5. Do not need others to teach “new” things concerning Jesus

6. The anointing teaches us to remain in Jesus Christ – v. 27

?. Conclusion – the word and the anointing are our allies to protect us from deception

A. Remain in the truth that was heard at the beginning concerning Jesus Christ – the Word – v. 24

B. Remain in the anointing that teaches (confirms) the word concerning Jesus

C. Remain in the Son and the Father – fellowship – the result of remaining in the word