

1 John 2:18-27

Memory Verse:

^{1Jn 2:19} 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.

FIRST DAY: Read 1 John 2:18-27

1. The last hour or last time is referring to the period of time that began with Christ's first coming to the earth and ends with His ultimate return in glory.

a. How does living in the last days affect how you live your life, or does it make no difference to you?

b. What does 1 Timothy 4:1-3 and 2 Peter 3:3 say regarding the last time?

2. The word antichrist means against Christ. Antichrists can be anyone who teaches contrary to the basic teaching of Christ. At the end there will rise up "the antichrist" who will be a man supported by Satan, he is referred to as the beast in Revelation and Daniel, Paul calls him "the man of lawlessness" in 2 Thessalonians

Read 1 John 2:18 and explain the difference between the antichrist and antichrists in this passage.

3. What is one of the signs of the spirit of antichrists according to 1 John 2:19?

a. Does this mean when people leave your church they are against Christ?

4. What are some other signs that should alert us of one who is against Christ?

a. 2 Timothy 3:5

b. 2 Peter 2:18-19

SECOND DAY: Read 1 John 2:20-24

5. What two things keep us from being swayed by antichrists?

a. 1 John 2:20

b. 1 John 2:24

6. What do the following scriptures say about this anointing?

a. John 14:26

b. Ephesians 1:12-14

7. We are living in an age when tolerance is promoted; Christians are being labeled as narrow minded, intolerant and even dangerous. Write the word John uses in 1 John 2:22 to describe those who deny Christ.

8. Many assert they can believe in God the Father without believing in God the Son. Why is this impossible?

THIRD DAY: Read 1 John 2:23-24

9. 1 John 2:23 emphasizes that Jesus Christ and God the Father can not be separated, read John 5:32-38 and record your insights.

10. 1 John 2:24 states “*See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you*” . Is John saying it is important to hold to the teaching you heard when you first got saved or is he referring to something else?

a. Would you consider the first teachings you heard about Christ sound doctrine? Explain why or why not.

b. How has the original teachings of Christ changed over the years?

See Hebrews 13:8

11. Explain what it means to REMAIN in the son. (1 John 2:24). If a person is truly in the Son, can that person ever remove himself permanently from the Son?

FOURTH DAY: Read 1 John 2:25-27

12. What is the promise in 1 John 2:25 given to those who remain in him?

What is said about this promise in the following?

a. Titus 1:2

b. John 10:28

c. Matthew 25:46

13. What is another characteristic of an antichrist? 1 John 2:26

a. See Acts 20:30

14. It is a reality that there are antichrists among us, and this week's lesson gives three red flags to alert us of their presence.

1. They will arise from within the church and depart from true believers. 1 John 2:19

2. They will deny sound doctrine. 1 John 2:22-23

3. They will try to deceive the faithful. 1 John 2:26

a. How should we as believers react when we see any of these characteristics in someone?

FIFTH DAY: Read 1 John 2:18-28

15. 1 John 2:20 states that we know the truth and verse 1 John 2:27 says we do not need that anyone teach us. Does this mean that we automatically know all spiritual truth and do not need pastors to teach us?

a. Colossians 1:10

b. 2 Peter 3:18

c. Ephesians 4:11-13

16. How does the inner anointing of the Holy Spirit teach us? Is it something we can feel or measure?

a. Why do we need both the inner anointing and the factual information of the Bible for proper teaching?

b. What role does each (the Holy Spirit and the Bible) play?

SIXTH DAY: Review

Using your bible do a deeper study on “The Anti-Christ”. Record your findings