

Series: Family Fellowship
"Antichrist Alert" Pt. 1, # 8
1 John 2:18-27
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As we continue our exposition through the book of I John the author addresses the issue of false teachers or antichrists.

John wrote to protect the saints from those who would want to seduce them. Gnostics denied the humanity of Jesus (see 1:1).

TT- John exposes these false teachers and tells us how to detect them.

I. They Attack Christ (v. 18).

John uses a term of endearment by calling the readers "My little children." John uses the phrase to introduce a new subject [v. 28].

The subject is "the last time" and the appearance of antichrists leading up antichrist after the rapture.

"Antichrist" means against Christ or instead of Christ. In other-words, they counterfeit the real Christ. John uses this word in four places in his letters. He is called the "man of sin, the coming prince, man of lawlessness." He is called the first beast in Rev. 13:1-10.

1. He Has a Time (v. 18).

It is the time or the last hour. The last time began at the first coming of Jesus and runs to the second coming. Note John called it the last time 2,000 years ago.

[Acts 2:16-17; 2 Tim. 3:1; Heb. 1:1-2; 9:26]

The last time or hour evokes a sense of urgency and imminence. We live in the time of antichrist and will increase until the antichrist appears.

False teaching will increase and the spirit of the antichrist will increase [rebellion and lawlessness]. We are engaged in a global conflict for the souls of men.

Turn to Matt. 24:4-5, 24-25.

1. He Has a Time (v. 18).

2. He is a spirit of spiritual error (v. 22).

Turn to I John 4:3. The Spirit of the antichrists is all about those who deny Jesus and their strategy is to deceive and seduce.

The spirit of the antichrists diminish the person and work of Jesus Christ, they deny his deity and atonement. They attempt to lead people down the road of spiritual error.

They must be exposed, confronted, and dealt with Biblically! As unpleasant as it is to the flesh, it is pleasing to the Spirit.

1. He Has a Time (v. 18).
2. He is a spirit of spiritual error (v. 22).
3. He is a deceiver.

John makes a distinction between many antichrists who are here and the Antichrist to come after the rapture.

He will appear with the answers and deceive and marvel the whole world. Satan will indwell him and energize his demonic activity (Rev. 13:1-10).

(1). *What will he be like?*

1. He will be a man, a Gentile from Gentile nations.
2. He will head up the revived Roman Empire
3. He will be a political, economic, military genius
4. He will blaspheme God and counterfeit Christ- miracles, resurrection.
5. He wants to control the world ever since he was kicked out of heaven [globalism].
6. Desecrates the rebuilt temple and issues the Mark of the beast.
7. Attempts to destroy Israel at battle of Armageddon.
8. Ultimately he will be cast into the lake of fire with the false prophet.

(2). *When will He come?*

2 Thess. 2:1-12- teaches he will come after the Spirit indwelling the church is taken out of the way. He will appear to do his end time deeds preparing the world for a terrible time of judgment.

He will try to achieve world control, something Satan has desired when he was cast out of heaven [Lucifer] because he wanted to be like God.

See Rev. 3:10

- II. They Abandon the Church
- III. They Assault the Christian.