

## 1Jn 07 - Disciples Abide - 1Jn 2:18-27 (28-29)

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John begins this section with a solemn warning

but he ends with very POSITIVE Exhortation & Encouragement  
for all those who are Disciples (followers) of Christ

### Let's Pray

**1Jn 2:18 - ESV** (here's the warning)

***18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.***

**18 Children** those under instruction -  
as from a fatherly teacher to his children,

**it is the last hour** - this is NOT a reference to a specific time,  
but to a specific "**Period** of time"

This is John's ref to the closing stages of world history,

& Specifically - he is referring to the "Period of time"  
between the 1st & 2nd coming of Jesus Christ (**the church age**)

but it's **important to note** - really all of the NT writers,  
thought the Return of Christ could happen at any moment

& that's **just as** you & I **should think** today

We are in the **closing stages** of this world's history -  
& Jesus could return at any moment

But listen - if the NT writers thought this HOUR was close to ending ,  
**How much MORE SO**, now ?

Imagine a clock for me

When Jesus Ascended & the NT church started  
***the minute hand started from 12 . . . .***

When Jesus is going to return is the end of this "HOUR"  
***when the minute hand reaches back to 12***

So tell me - do you think we're **HALF way? 3/4 way? 55 Min?**

I used to have a friend who kept a big clock on his wall  
that ALWAYS read - 11:59

Guys - honestly, prophetically - it's 11:59  
& that minute hand could click over at any second

HOW should that effect our lives ?

### **2Pet 3:10-11 - ESV**

***10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.***

***11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,***

If you REALLY thought - Jesus Christ was coming back  
at the end of this week . . . HOW would you spend your week?

. . . well then maybe . . . **THAT** is how you should spend your week !

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& one of the sure Biblical marks of the LAST HOUR coming to a close is . . .

many Anti-Christ's will come,  
& ultimately THE AntiChrist will come

***(18) . . . and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come***

Meaning - **THE Anti-Christ** is coming . . .

but there are already many  
teachers & leaders who are **ANTI-Christ**

It's interesting that John is the **ONLY NT writer**  
to use this exact word translated "**antichrist**" (uses it 5 times)

The Apostle **Paul** calls him - **The man of lawlessness**  
**Daniel** - & **Revelation** - Call him - **The BEAST**

This is the man who comes to World Prominence  
sometime around the beginning of the Tribulation

He first brings a false Peace  
causing the world to fall in love with him

& then he brings - Literally - HELL on Earth  
especially for anyone who has chosen to follow Jesus Christ

& THE Anti-Christ is a very interesting topic

We always know we can get a few more people to listen  
when we talk about end times events - like this

& altho this Specific Man - The Anti-Christ - is coming

there is something that should be just as concerning to us today

John says **(18) . . . and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come**

**Guys - when one guy is;**

the head of the **One World Gov't**, with One World Money,  
& he **sets himself** to be **worshipped** in the New Temple  
& he **makes you** have a **mark** to buy or sell anything . . .

THAT'S a pretty good sign, you've found - THE ANTICHRIST

But what about these MANY Anti-Christ's, that John's talking about ?

He's talking about those that we NEED to see today  
who are ANTI-Christ (***set against Christ***)

& John - very plainly - says here

When we see MANY who are ANTI-Christ  
We KNOW - that it is the LAST Hour

**1Tim 4:1-2 - ESV**

***1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,***

***2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,***

Let me just ask you - have you seen ANY increasing signs  
of those who are ANTI-Christ (*like this*) in the world today??

How about a guy who writes a book called **THE DIVINCI CODE**

Which is SO ANTI-CHRIST - that any respectable Christian Culture  
would've immediately BOYCOTTED the book

& written this guy off as a HERETIC

But this guy writes a totally FICTIONAL book - that is FICTION

& being FICTION - it is NOT based on ANY KNOWN FACT  
Because it is a FICTIONAL BOOK - based on PURE FICTION

Is so loved & embraced by this ANTI-Christ culture

that now this ANTI-CHRIST gets to take one of his old books,  
that was ignored years ago

& he gets to make it into another incredible Block Buster  
ANTI-CHRIST movie (Angels & Demons)

& our ANTI-CHRIST Culture - will FLOCK to see the New  
Dan ANTI-CHRIST Brown Movie

& we will make him & the other ANTI-CHRIST'S  
that are making you want to see that movie -

we will make them all Celebrities  
& then we will WORSHIP them with our money

Tell me - How CLOSE - to the END of the Last Hour - is it ?

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And HOW do we know WHO the ANTI-CHRIST'S ARE ??

**1Jn 2:19 - ESV**

**19 They** (those who are "anti" Christ) **went out from us** (broke away), **but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us**

John says THEY (who are ANTI-CHRIST) have broken away  
(went out) - from those who are ABIDING IN (following) Christ

& IF they had been those who ABIDE in Christ  
they would have CONTINUED to ABIDE in Christ

But God gives us such a CLEAR indication  
of HOW to tell who an ANTI-CHRIST is

Look at the last sentence - ***But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us***

It's interesting to note - the word translated "WENT OUT"  
is the same word used of Judas Iscariot (in Jn 13)

when he "Went Out" from the disciples to betray Jesus

& some Scholars actually see Judas Iscariot as a "Type" (picture)

of those who are "physically in " the church  
but ultimately - turn their backs on Jesus, & betray Him

This same concept is seen  
in the parable of the "**Wheat & the Tares**" in **Mat Ch 13**

where the Master tells his servants - the enemy has sown Tares  
(weeds) in with the Wheat (good plants)

& then the Master tells them - let both grow together for a time  
& at Harvest they would easily & completely - be separated

The Wheat into the **HARVEST** - The Tares into the **FIRE**

But here's the deal in that Parable (**Mat 13**) . . .

The **SERVANTS** could tell the **Tares** (weeds) from the **Wheat**  
they **KNEW** the difference

& John is telling us here - that WE can know the difference

He's already told us that those who are ANTI-CHRIST  
"Go Out From US" - Implying DOCTINALLY

NOT meaning they leave this church, or this "Non"-denomination

But they GO OUT from - following Jesus  
They DENY Him - & we'll see specifically HOW in a minute

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But first - John wants to begin his encouragement  
to those who DO Follow Jesus - Who ABIDE in the Truth

### **1Jn 2:20 - ESV**

***20 But you*** (in contrast to those who have "gone out") ***have been anointed by the Holy One*** (the anointing of the Holy Spirit), ***and you all have knowledge***

But YOU - who are ABIDING in Christ  
YOU have been Anointed by the Holy Spirit . . .

& you **ALL** have knowledge

Remember - the false teachers that were "working" the churches  
John is writing to - all claimed to have SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE

& they wanted to ENLIGHTEN those who were JUST following Jesus

Oh, I know, Like Joseph Smith !

Who was raised to simply follow Jesus  
but he met an angel on a day hike when he was 15

& he started an entire religion  
that says that you need THEIR special Knowledge

Hmmm - that's sounds pretty much like the False teachers  
who were Deceiving the church in 95 AD - that John was writing to

Listen guys

**Jim Jones** didn't have Special Knowledge

**David Koresh** didn't have Special Knowledge

**Joseph Smith** didn't have Special Knowledge

**& Oprah Winfrey** doesn't have Special Knowledge

### **Look again at V.20**

***20 But you (Disciples) have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge***

We don't need Dan Brown or Oprah Winfrey  
SPEWING Anti-Christ messages - to give us SPECIAL Knowledge

These people have made up complete fictional bags of lies  
& then we say . . .

Hmmm maybe that's better than the Miraculously, Supernaturally  
Proven 2,000 year old Word of God . . . **PLEASE !!**

If Jesus is truly your **LORD** today  
you have been **ANNOINTED** by the Holy One  
& you **ALL** have the knowledge you need . . .

**WHERE** ?? - - - In the **Living Word**,  
& in the Anointing of the **Holy Spirit**



Let's TURN OVER to Jn Ch 14

**Jn 14:15-17 - ESV**

**15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.**

**16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,  
to be with you forever,**

**17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,  
because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he  
dwells with you and will be in you.**

**Jn 14:26 - ESV**

**26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in  
my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your  
remembrance all that I have said to you.**

**Jn 15:26 - ESV**

**26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the  
Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will  
bear witness about me.**

**Jn 16:13(A) - ESV**

**13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the  
truth . . .**

**Jn 16:14 - ESV**

**14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to  
you.**

I just read you FIVE scriptures  
about the ROLE & the POWER of the Holy Spirit

Who will USE God's LIVING WORD  
to Guide you into ALL truth

We have GOT to understand  
the **ROLE of the Holy Spirit** in our lives

We have GOT to Fall in Love  
with the **Living Word of God**

& THEN - we will NOT get Sucked in  
to the ANTI-Christ messages of this World today

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Back in 1Jn Ch 2 - John is writing to the True Disciples - & he says;  
You KNOW the TRUTH  
& You KNOW - that NO LIE - is of the Truth

### **1Jn 2:21 - ESV**

***21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.***

Ask God - for the Anointing of the Holy Spirit  
Then KNOW the Truth of HIS Word

So that you WILL be able to DETECT the **Lies**

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But just to make it clear  
John wants to tell us WHO the LIAR is

He's still hammering on the ANTI-Christ's . . .

### **1Jn 2:22(A) - ESV**

***22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? . . .***

Now - this is a KEY Verse - because it TELLS us  
WHO is the LIAR . . . still referring to those who are ANTI-Christ

& he says - the LIAR is the one  
who Denies that Jesus is the Christ

The word "**Christ**" is the GK word for the Hebrew **MESSIAH**  
They both mean LIT - "*the anointed one from God*"

It is the Clear Reference - to the **DEITY** of Jesus !

& this is the REAL TEST - for all ANTI-CHRIST'S  
**WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS?**

**& it is critical that YOU & I KNOW - The Bible says**

Jesus is the CHRIST - He is **GOD**

Jesus came in the FLESH - He was a **MAN**

This is the same test Jesus gave his disciples in **Mat 16**

He asked them "Who do you say I am?" - & Peter answered  
**"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

**& then - in Mat 16:17 Jesus says to Peter:**

**17 . . . "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood  
has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.**

Guys - since the writing of the NT  
a Right & Correct view of WHO Jesus Christ is

is the #1 ultimate question to determine if a person  
is teaching the TRUTH - or teaching a LIE

**& look at the end of 1Jn 2:22(B)**

***This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.***

Hey - wait a minute (the Anti-Christ would say . . . )

***I'm not denying the Father God***

***I'm just saying Jesus WASN'T - God come in the Flesh***

Really - cause the Bible begs to differ with you . . .

**1Jn 2:23 - ESV**

***23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.***

This little word HAS - is a very important word  
it means "To Possess" as your own

& there are many - who claim to "Have" or "Possess" God  
but they don't want to get too narrow minded about who Jesus  
Christ is

But here, God's Word says - If you deny WHO Jesus Christ is  
you CANNOT "Have" the Father

& if you DO confess that Jesus is - Who He says He is  
then you automatically "HAVE" the Father also

**Jesus Himself said in Mat 10:32-33**

***32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will  
acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,***

***33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my  
Father who is in heaven.***

God's Word is so clear - & so absolute

When it comes to Jesus Christ - - & Who He is

The Bible is absolutely Narrow Minded  
& Stubbornly Demanding

We either believe the TRUTH about Jesus -  
or we are separated from God - by DENYING Him

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& what about that "Good Intentioned" person  
Who talks about God - & how we can have a better life . . .

Just because they don't say Jesus is God come in the Flesh,  
Aren't they still Good Godly people ??

**Well let's see . . . turn over to 1Jn 4:3**  
***3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.***  
***This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming***  
***and now is in the world already.***

The person who denies WHO Jesus Christ says He is  
Is NOT from God - & IS the spirit of Anti-Christ

Don't you LOVE - simple & clear tests

Hey - ***Do you believe Jesus Christ is***  
***GOD come in the FLESH - Like the Bible says He is***

***Well , no, actually, our 18 year old founder - who worked in a print***  
***shop, re-wrote that part of the Bible*** (Jehovah Witnesses)

EHHHHH !! - - NOT from God, Spirit of AntiChrist !!  
that seems pretty simple - Doesn't it ??

Then WHY are so many "Would-be" Disciples  
being SO DECEIVED, & So EASILY MISLED  
by these Anti-Christ teachers ???

Because these "Would-be" Disciples  
are not ABIDING in CHRIST

They're NOT clinging to the Gospel Message  
they heard in the beginning

### **1Jn 2:24 - ESV**

***24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide (remain constantly) in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.***

### **Listen - someone - in the beginning - told you;**

That Jesus Christ was **God** come in the **Flesh**

That He lived a **Perfect Life**

& that He **died on a Cross** to Pay for your sins

& that **if** you would **put your faith** in Him

That you would be **forgiven** of your sins, & have **Eternal Life**

& now TODAY - wherever you are in your WALK  
There is NO NEW KNOWLEDGE - NO NEW Gospel

The Word of God says to you today;

***24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide (remain constantly) in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.***

Let the Faith you had in Jesus Christ in the beginning  
CONTINUE to Abide (remain) in you

Because IF that faith ABIDES in you  
then YOU will Abide (remain) in the Son, & in the Father

But here's the deal !!

This word ABIDE - is NOT Passive !! - It's ACTIVE

**It's NOT** - don't worry, if you slipped up your hand in 1982  
then everything's Good with you & God . . .

Instead this Verse is ACTIVE - as in you MUST (by your own actions)  
actively REMAIN in the faith you had from the beginning

& if you do - you will **Abide** (continually remain in)  
the Son, & in the Father

John is talking about settling into  
a Continuous spiritual relationship - & experience with Jesus

& he Puts the PROMISE out there in the Next Verse  
as if to say - REMEMBER THE PRIZE . . .

### **1Jn 2:25 - ESV**

***25 And this is the promise that he made to us - eternal life.***

REMEMBER your Faith in Christ in the Beginning  
& REMEMBER the PRIZE !!

& Stand Firm - ABIDE - REMAIN - Don't get sucked away  
by the ANTI-CHRIST teaching of the Last Days

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John is WARNING us about those who are trying to deceive us

& he's pleading with us - to ABIDE, CLING TO, HOLD ON TO,  
the Faith we had in Jesus in the Beginning

## **1Jn 2:26 - ESV**

***26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.***

Believer Beware - there ARE those - who are trying to deceive you

We've got to ask the RIGHT QUESTION  
***"Who do you say Jesus Christ is?"***

& we've got to understand the Bible says -  
anyone teaching anything NEW . . .

besides Jesus Christ as God come in the Flesh to die for your sins . . .

Any other NEW Doctrine - That denies the original Gospel Message  
Is a LIE - & is coming from an ANTI-CHRIST

## **1Jn 2:27 - ESV**

***27 But (again, as for you) the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. (implied is teach you anything NEW) But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.***

Guys - PLEASE - ABIDE IN HIM

Make Jesus Christ your LORD

Be IMMERSED in HIM

& then - ABIDE IN HIM

Don't let - smooth talking - MOVIE makin - TV Celebrities

(or their book clubs) - DECEIVE YOU into falling away from Christ

Make Him your LORD - & Settle into Him (abide)



I Promise you - You will NOT be put to shame  
when the minute hand strikes 12 - & this LAST HOUR is Finished

### **1Jn 2:28 - ESV**

***28 And now, little children*** (born ones), ***abide*** (continually) ***in him***,  
***so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink  
from him in shame at his coming.***

SIX times the word ABIDE (remain) has been used in this passage

& every time it is calling us to an intimate & permanent relationship  
with God - thru Jesus Christ - & by the Holy Spirit

& if - we will continue to Abide (remain) in Christ  
WHEN He appears we will have confidence  
& not shrink from Him in shame

Disciples ABIDE - Dig in - Make Jesus your Life for the long haul

### **Let's Pray**