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*Antichrists, Anointing,
and Abiding*

1 John 2:18-27

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Don't be fooled

“Just because someone is sincere in his conviction does not mean that it is true. It is possible to be sincerely wrong.”

Alistair Begg

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18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

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19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

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WHERE DID THEY GO? 18,19

- ‘antichrists’ – similar in form – Not function!
- Some leave – not believers
- Some leave
 - Neglected
 - Driven away
 - Drawn away

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WHERE DID THEY GO? 18,19

- What can I do to build bonds?
- What can I skip to avoid offense?
- What can I do to make amends?

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It will not be God's fault!

“God never made a promise that was too good to be true.” Dwight L. Moody

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20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

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

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HOW DO WE KNOW? 20,21

- ‘anointing’ – oil of dedication – metaphor
- What God has given is common – ‘you all’
- I am not writing to inform – but to confirm!
- God’s Word by God’s Spirit to man’s heart
- God’s will is always aligned with God’s Word

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“The man who thinks he can know the Word of God by mere intellectual study is greatly deceived. Spiritual truth is spiritually discerned.” Samuel Chadwick

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22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

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23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

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24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

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25 This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

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WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? 22-25

- Jesus is the Christ
- Denying is a substitute doctrine – antichrists
- Our testimony is the Father's testimony
- Don't change your faith – grow in it!
- God's Word is about eternal life – not this one

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“When a man argues for victory and not for truth, he is sure of just one ally that is the devil. Not the defeat of the intellect, but the acceptance of the heart is the only true object in fighting with the sword of the spirit.”

George Macdonald

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26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

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27 As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

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WHO DO WE TRUST? 26,27

- ‘deceive’ – ‘*planao*’ – planets = wandering
- Satan only needs to distract not defeat!
- Teaching remains – God’s Word in our heart
- Teachers – too much or too little? ‘*chreia*’
- Acts 11:23 - Barnabas

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Acts 11:23

“Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;”

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“Lord, where we are wrong, make us willing to change; where we are right, make us easy to live with.” Peter Marshall

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Antichrists – Anointing - Abiding

- Do we recognize the fakes?
- Do we trust the Word of God?
- Do we stand firm – stay true – keep the faith?

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“Faith embraces many truths which seem to contradict each other.” Blaise Pascal

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“One knows what is right, but holds it at arm’s length for a time, neither throwing it out, nor embracing it.”

Eric Metaxas, *Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery*

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I will seek the true – not antichrists
I will seek the Word – not words of men
I will seek to be faithful – not flighty



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