

Solid Protection Against Spiritual Defection



From the Series,
"Authentic Trust"

1 John 2:18-24
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1. Enemies During The Last Days (18)

- a. The coming enemy - "Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming..."
- b. The current enemies - "...so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour."

2. Exits During The Last Days (19)

- a. A superficial association - "They went out from us, but they were not of us..."
- b. A wilful defection - "...if they had been of us, they would have continued with us..."
- c. A defining conclusion - "...that it might become plain that they all are not of us."

3. Enablement During The Last Days (20-21)

- a. A divine enablement (20a) - "But you have been anointed by the Holy One..."
- b. A discerning enablement (20b-21) - "...and you all have knowledge. 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."

4. Error During The Last Days (22-23)

- a. They say Jesus is not the Sent One (22a) - "Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?"
- b. They say that Jesus is not the Son (22b-23) - "...this is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father.
- c. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also."

5. Endurance During The Last Days (24-29)

- a. Enduring truth (24-25) - "Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us - eternal life."
- b. Enduring discernment (26) - "I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. "
- c. Enduring wisdom (27) - "But the anointing that you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about everything - and is true and is no lie, just as it has taught you - abide in Him."
- d. Enduring hope (28) - "And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at His coming."
- e. Enduring righteousness (29) - "If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him."