

## Day 1

**Sermon Sentence: Beware of false teachings!**

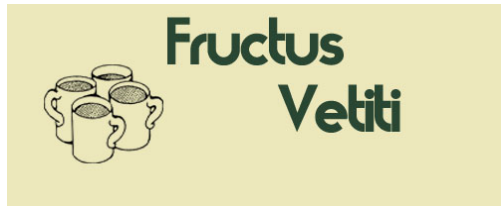
### **1 John 2:18-19**

So what is an “antichrist” again? John gave us a clear definition of what the spirit of antichrist is a little farther on in the chapter.

### **1 John 2:22**

Do we see what John is describing in this verse these days? Many times in the Church there are people entering and then leaving because their ideals do not match up with that of the Church. Many people will enter with a preconceived idea about Christianity and come simply to be around others like themselves, failing to find that they leave. Others however come to deliberately change the Gospel message.

- What is the key indicator that these people that John is referring to are antichrists?
- What is so significant about them leaving the group?
- What does John say makes people stay?
- What happens when weakness within the Church allows these antichrists to change fundamental doctrines?
- Why don't more Christians call out these false beliefs?



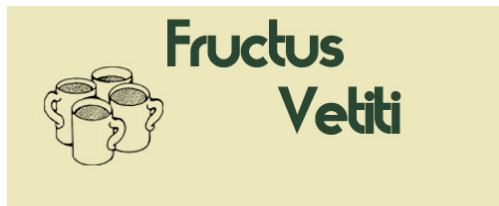
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### **1 John 2:20-21**

We absolutely know that John is speaking to believers because he is speaking to people that have the Holy Spirit. These believers have been passive, even though they know the Truth because the Holy Spirit is within them they have allowed these false teachers to continue within their congregation and even deny Jesus Christ! If you spend time reading news articles posted on Christian websites you no doubt have seen the ever increasing levels of apostasy that are going on in the Church within different church organizations around the world. There are many new ideas being introduced into Christianity and most of these are apostate views to the Word of God and opposed to the one true Gospel.

- How do you react when someone you trust to teach you introduces an unscriptural idea?
- What often happens to churches when groups form along these division lines?
- What are some apostate teachings that are happening in churches today?
- Why is it so important to have a “fundamental” Bible centered church with knowledgeable people and leadership?
- What is common with most apostate teaching in relationship to the true Gospel?
- Do you feel that allowing foreign worship practices (i.e. Islamic, Buddhist, New Age, Satanic, etc.) to occur within our Christian services is apostate? (psst...it's happening!)



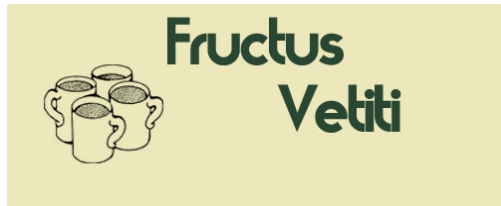
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### 1 John 2:22-25

So Christianity is a take it all or leave it kind of belief. We don't get to say "well I like that Jesus guy and leave the rest" or like the Jews decide to accept God without the Son. John makes it clear that if we are in the **Truth** we will have both! Those that do not accept that Jesus Christ and His sacrifice at Calvary are the culmination and completion of God's plan of salvation for mankind has neither the Father nor the Son. This idea is so antithetical to God that all that deny this truth are call in the original Greek antichristos or one who is opposed to Christ.

- Again, what is the will of the Father?
- The Jews in that day were trying to influence the Church to do what concerning Jesus and the teachings of the New Testament?
- Even some Jewish Christian converts were guilty of trying to return the Church to living under what? Are there "Christian" denominations teaching this today?
- What happens to those that remain outside the will of the Father concerning the Son?
- What promise do we have if we do?
- What lie was the Gnostics teaching that would also cause you to not need Jesus' sacrifice and thus not accept Jesus or the Father?



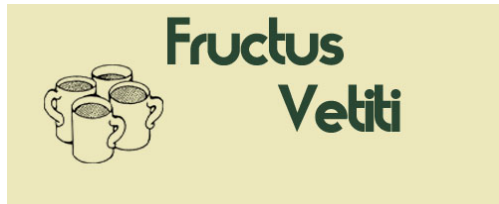
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### **1 John 2:26-29 & John 14:26**

Now the good news, we have the Holy Spirit to guide and to teach us. God did not leave us to our own devices when it comes to what we believe. He left us with the Word of God in the form of the Bible to read and the conviction of the Holy Spirit within us to guide, teach and convict us when necessary. So to abide in the Holy Spirit is to abide in the Truth and against this apostasy has no power. Because we are creatures created with a freewill however we will often ignore the urgings of the Holy Spirit and neglect to study the Word of God leaving ourselves vulnerable. This is why remaining in close fellowship to the Lord and studying the Bible is so important!

- What are some wrong teachings that you have been able to avoid because of your knowledge of the truth?
- Do you often feel the “tug” of the Holy Spirit convicting you into or away from some action?
- Do you ever have an uneasy feeling when you hear something that doesn’t sound quite right concerning Christianity?
- Will you often listen as God leads you to the truth in His word?
- Have you ever pondered a question only to have God provide the answer within a few days or even hours?
- What happens when we allow apostasy to affect or even change our beliefs concerning our walk as a Christian?



## Day 5

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### **Antichrist vs. antichrists**

John is speaking about people that have the “spirit of antichrist” and indeed there have been people throughout history that have had this spirit within them. I am sure that you can think of many periods in world history with specific leaders that were definitely being affected by this spirit and in direct opposition to God and His plan for the world. I thought it might be helpful to understand the difference between people displaying the “spirit of antichrist” and being called an antichrist compared to the one that will become known as the “Antichrist”.

### **2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 & Revelation 13:1-18**

The Devil has always sought to be God and has many counterfeit plans in which he will attempt to copy and usurp the authority of God. Just like God the Father has given all things to His Son that we may be saved, the Devil will counter with a man that will be endowed with his very spirit and become the “Antichrist” to end all antichrists. This man will promise good things to mankind but in the end this is a false messiah and as always seeks to keep man from God. The “spirit of antichrist” that John refers to could be directly associated with the spirit of the one who has opposed God all along, the Devil. When that spirit is placed upon a man and when that man is revealed to the world it will be the most horrific time in history.

Now the good news....**we win!**

### **Revelation 19:20 & Revelation 20:10**

No questions today just continue to study to show yourself a workman approved so false teachings will not creep into your walk with Christ!

### **2 Timothy 2:15**