

LIVE LIKE TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

I John 2:18-28 (NLT)

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Introduction

^{I John 2:18} Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist [The Antichrist is the end-times false messiah who seeks, and likely achieves, world domination so that he can destroy Israel and all followers of Jesus Christ.] is coming, and already many such antichrists[an opposer of Christ] have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come.

I. God's Prophetic Calendar - "the last hour"

Creation ... Corruption ... Catastrophe ... Confusion ... Christ ... Cross ... *(Conflict)* ...
Consummation Answers in Genesis

^{I John 5:19} We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

²¹ Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.

II. The Enemy's Work in the World

^{Matthew 13: 24} Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵ But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. ²⁶ When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

²⁷ "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed.

"Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked.

²⁹ "'No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.'"

III. The Enemy's Work in the Church

A. False teachers abound! (Polite Leader - a helpful Youtube channel)

John 2:18 Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come. ¹⁹ These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us.

B. Know the Gospel!

I John 2:20 But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the truth. ²¹ So I am writing to you not because you don't know the truth but because you know the difference between truth and lies. ²² And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist. ²³ Anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father, either. But anyone who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

1. Jesus is eternally the Son of God.
2. Jesus became a man.
3. Jesus, the God-man, purposed to go to the cross for us.
4. Jesus is the victor over death.
5. Jesus will judge all humanity.
6. Jesus will establish an eternal kingdom.
7. How should each one of us respond?

C. Eat where the food is trustworthy!

I John 2:24 So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father. ²⁵ And in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life he promised us.

I John 2:26 I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. ²⁷ But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. **So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.**

Conclusion

I John 2:28 Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. ²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.