

The Study of 1 John: Joy Through Abiding Fellowship **The Doctrine of the Antichrist – 1 John 2:18-29**

The Believer's Journey through Doctrinal Deception:

1) Understand that False Teachers are Interlopers in the Church.

"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. 19 They went out from us, 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." (1 John 2:18-19)

The last hour:
Antichrist:

2) Understand that You have a Divine Anointing from God.

"20 But you have been anointed by the Holy One, 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." (1 John 2:20-21)

Anointing:
Knowledge of the truth:

3) Understand that False Teachers Deny the Truth about Jesus.

"22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also." (1 John 2:22-23)

Denying Christ
Denies the Son and the Father:
Confession of the Son: (Compare Isaiah 9:6)

4) Understand that Your Confidence Comes from Abiding in Christ.

"24 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. 25 And this is the promise that he made to us eternal life. 26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. 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. 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. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him." (1 John 2:18-29)

The promise of eternal life:
Confidence before the judgment:

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you see the doctrine of antichrist in the world today? How can we address this doctrine?
2. How does the divine anointing impact your life? (1 John 2:20-21, 27)
3. How can we avoid shame before God in the judgment?