

False Teachers

I John 2:18-28

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I. Introduction and Review

- A. Fellowship with God who is light (Section 1)
- B. Three important quotes from last week not in your notes
 1. "The world-a moral and spiritual system designed to draw humanity away from the Living God-is profoundly seductive and no Christian, however advanced, is fully immune to its allurements." – The Grace New Testament Commentary
 2. "You know when you have succumbed to these (lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, boastful pride of life) because you lose your enjoyment of the Father's love and desire to do His will." – Warren W. Wiersbe
 3. "When the church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it. It is then that the world is made to listen to her message, although it may hate it at first." – Martyn Lloyd Jones

II. False Teachers: Enemies of the Light – vs. 18-28

- A. Identification of key terms – v. 18
 1. "last hour" a kind of time, not a duration of time
 2. "Antichrist": used only by John – I John 2:18, 22; 4:3; II John 7
 - a. "Anti: against or instead of
 - b. A spirit in the world that opposes or denies Christ
 - c. False teachers who embody this spirit
 - d. A person who will head up the final world rebellion against Christ. Also referred to as:
 - i. The "other" or "little horn" in Daniel 7:8, 20
 - ii. "Man of lawlessness", "son of destruction" – II Thessalonians 2:3
 - iii. "The Beast": Revelation 11:7; 13:1-10
- B. False teachers
 1. Their victims: children
 - a. II Timothy 3:6, 7; Ephesians 4:14
 2. Their description

- a. They are likened to "the Antichrist" – v. 18
 - i. II Timothy 3:1-5; II Peter 2 Mark 13:6, 21, 22
 - b. They depart from the fellowship – v. 19
 - i. Luke 12:2
 - c. They deny the person of Christ and thus the Father – vs. 20-24
 - i. They deny the incarnation of Christ – I John 4:1-6; II John 7-11
 - ii. To deny the Son is to deny the Father – John 5:33-47; cf. 37, 38
3. Their desire – vs. 25-26
 - a. They desire to deceive: II Corinthians 11:13-15; I Timothy 4:1; Jude 16
 - b. Deceive: "to cause to go astray" – Matthew 18:12
 4. Their defeat – vs. 27, 28
 - a. The anointing of the Holy One – vs. 20-27
 - i. The "Holy One" is a reference to Jesus
 - Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34
 - ii. This anointing does not come from the Holy Spirit, but rather is the Holy Spirit
 - John 14:16, 17, 26; 16:13
 - iii. "and you have no need for anyone to teach you"
 - The fathers (2:13) have no need of human teachers
 - You have no need for "human teaching"
 - "Teaching" is a gift of the Holy Spirit – Romans 12:7; I Corinthians 12:20
 - b. Abiding in Him – v. 28
 - i. "to be at home with", "habitual obedience"
 - ii. All believers are "in Christ" but not all "abide in Christ"
 - John 15:1-11