

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

I JOHN 2:18-23

Lesson 8

REVIEW:

I John 2:15-17 instructs us *not to love the world*. Summarize what you learned from last week's lesson about this.

FIRST DAY:

Read and study I John 2:18-23 inductively. See pages 5 and 6.

SECOND DAY: Read I John 2:18

1. The *last time* is referring to the period of time that began with Christ's first coming to earth and ends with His ultimate return in glory. However, world events and Bible prophesy point to the time we are now living in as being the latter end of the *last times*. From this explanation, define *last time* in your own words.
 - a. How does knowing you are living in the *last times* affect how you live today?
2. What do the following verses reveal about the *last times*?
 - a. Acts 2:17
 - b. I Timothy 4:1
 - c. II Timothy 3:1-5
 - d. II Peter 3:3
 - 1.) In what ways do you see these things occurring today?
3. As you have heard that *antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists* (I John 2:18). The many *antichrists* who have already come (in contrast to the one *antichrist* who shall come) are here identified as human teachers. The word *antichrist* in the Greek is *anticristo* meaning *against Christ*. An *antichrist* is anyone who teaches contrary to the basic doctrines about Jesus Christ. The Gnostics taught that God did not manifest Himself in the Person of Jesus Christ. How do the Scriptures on the following page refute this?

- a. Philippians 2:6
- b. Colossians 1: (13), 16
- c. Colossians 2: (8), 9

1.) Why is it so important we believe Jesus Christ is God?

THIRD DAY: Read I John 2:19

1. What does I John 2:19 give as proof that these *antichrists* were not really part of the body of Christ?

a. Does this mean that anyone who leaves your church is not a part of the body of Christ? Why or why not?

2. *If they had been of us they would have continued with us.* How do the following Scriptures support this?

- a. Colossians 1:23a
- b. Hebrews 3:14

3. What do the following Scriptures reveal about those who do not rightly represent God?

- a. Psalm 78:36, 37
- b. II Timothy 3:5
- c. II Peter 2:18, 19

1.) What did you discover in these verses that will alert you to be on guard against false teachings?

2.) How should we react to those who bring false doctrines into the church?

Challenge: Use Scripture to support your answer)

FOURTH DAY: Read I John 2:20,21

1. What does I John 20: 20, 21 reveal that is true of all believers?

- a. *But – you hold a sacred appointment, you have been given an unction – you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know (The Truth) (I John 2:10 AMP).* The Holy Spirit is the means of this anointing which is given to all believers when they receive Christ as Savior. What do the following verses reveal about this *anointing*?

John 14:16

John 14:26

Ephesians 1:12-14

2. John is stating in I John 2:20, 21 that the Christian has spiritual understanding that the natural man does not have. How does I Corinthians 2:10-14 support this statement?
3. One of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is that of enlightening the believer regarding the meaning of the Word of God. The ability to know the truth gives the believer the ability to detect error. How have you found this to be true in your life?
 - a. What can hinder this work of the Holy Spirit from being effective in our lives?

*It is extraordinary how things fall off from a man
Like autumn leaves once he comes to a place where
There is no rule but that of the personal
Domination of the Holy Spirit.
- Oswald Chambers*

FIFTH DAY: Read I John 2:22,23

1. We are living in an age where tolerance is promoted. Christians are being accused of being narrow-minded and having a lack of compassion. Write the two words John uses to label those who deny Christ.
 - a. Who do they deny?
2. From I Timothy 6:3-5, describe those who profess to believe, but do not follow Biblical teaching.
3. Look up the word *deny* in the dictionary. Record the definition and synonyms.
4. According to I John 2:22, the antichrists were denying that *Jesus is the Christ* (Greek: Cristos, meaning anointed, i.e. the Messiah). How do we know that Jesus is the true Messiah?
 - a. Mark 8:29

- b. John 4:42
- c. John 6:69
- 5. Many assert that they can believe in God, the Father, without believing in God, the Son. Why is this not possible?
- 6. What do you think it means to *acknowledge the Son*?

*I believe in Jesus
I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again
I believe He paid for us all*

SIXTH DAY: Review I John 2:18-23

- 1. How would we recognize an *antichrist*?
- 2. The *antichrists* referred to in this passage did not know the truth. Who is the Truth?
 - a. What do we need to believe about Him?
- 3. What are some things we can do to prevent ourselves from being taken captive by false teaching?
- 4. Share an insight you have gained from this study of I John 2:18-23.

*If Christ did not speak the truth in all matters,
the claims about Himself vanish like the idle babbling of a lunatic bent on deceiving the world.
Unlike Plato and Aristotle, He could not afford to be wrong - even once.
-Erwin Lutzer*

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VERSE

WHAT THE VERSE IS SAYING

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

Who:

When:

What:

Where:

Why:

How:

What does this passage mean?

How does it apply to you personally?