Deep in the Bible
PODCAST

We Know: Study of 1 John (2:18-29)

John moves from tests to identify these false teachers (3-17) to openly labeling them!

Definite article is not present in the original language

Confess the Son (18-23)

Antichrist – Who or what is/are the "antichrist(s)"?

***Mt 24:5** "For *many will come* in my name, saying, '*I am the Christ*,' and *they will lead many astray*."

***Mt 24:24** "For *false christs* and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, *so as to lead astray*, if possible, even the elect."

***1Jn 4:3** "every spirit *that does not confess Jesus* is not from God. *This is* the spirit of *the antichrist*…"

***2Jn 7** "For many deceivers have gone out into the world, *those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is* the deceiver and the *antichrist*."

-How does this relate to the "man of lawlessness (sin)"? 2Thess 2:1-12

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**. **<< (Hour) Jn 2:3-4; 4:21-23; 5:24-35; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23** **Mt 13:20-21 Heb 2:1-4 1Tim 1:18-20**

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.

Acts 2:38; Rom 8:9; Eph 1:13-14; 2Co 1:21-22

20 **But** you have been **anointed** by the **Holy One**, and you all have knowledge. **John 6:68-69 Acts 3:12-14**

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. **John's readers were fully able to understand anti-Christianity**

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. **<< Sign of the antichrists**

23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. ***Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.*** **Sign of followers of Christ!** ***Not just with the mouth (Mt 7:21-23)***

John 14:6 "No one comes to the Father except through me"

Abide in the Son (24-29)

All have knowledge / No need that any should teach you

*They had to be knowledgeable of the truth before they could choose to follow Christ

*Does **NOT** mean these followers no longer had a need to learn, but instead ***they didn't need another source of knowledge***. They had the gospel!

-Gal 1:6; 1Tim 6:3; 2Tim 1:13; 4:3-5; Tit 1:9

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***. **<< 1Jn 1:3; 2:3-6**

25 And this is the promise that he made to us — eternal life. **<< 2:17; John 3:16; 5:24; 8:51**

26 I write these things to you about those who are ***trying to deceive you***. **How does the follower of Christ cope with false teaching?**

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***. **<< Rom 8:14-17; Eph 1:5**

Last Hour / Last Days

*(**17**) "the world is passing away"

*Did John think that Christ's return was imminent? **-Mt 24:3, 36-44**

-1Th 5:2 "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night"

*If not, what did he mean by "**last hour?**"

***Heb 1:1-2** "Long ago, at *many times* and in *many ways*, God spoke to our fathers *by the prophets*, but in these last days *he has spoken to us by his Son...*"

***Indicates the time of the last way God will deal with mankind (i.e. through His Son)**

***-See Also** Acts 2:17; 2Ti 3:1-9; 1Pet 1:20; 2Pe 3:3*

Note - These **early gnostic teachers** argued that a **special knowledge** was needed and that the **Christ did NOT come in the flesh**!

Anointing from Him

John 16:7-15

*The ***Spirit convicts*** concerning ***sin, righteousness, and judgment*** (**8-11**)

*How does The Spirit convict? As a "guide …into…all **truth**" (**13**)!

*Where does **Truth** come from? Jesus says of the Spirit, "***He will take what is mine and declare it to you***" (**14, 15**).

Teaches

The delivery of this teaching has changed with the completion of the written word, but the message is the same.
-1Cor 13:8-10

Trying to Deceive

Their aim was not just to leave (19), but to lead others away
-Acts 20:29
-1Tim 4:1-3

Abide in Him?

John is exhorting his readers to take ***the message*** they've heard "***from the beginning***" and ***live it out***! (**2:3-6**)

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