



Outline – Sunday School December 09, 2018

Sermon Title: Little Children, Cling to Jesus as Christ! Part 1 “The Test of Perseverance”

Text: 1 John 2:18-23

1. The **Dispensation** of Time: *Eschatology*. vs. 18
 - a. From the *ascension* to the second coming of Christ = ‘*The last (eschatos) hour (hora).*’
 - b. The *anticipated* antichrist (Singular, not yet, future): “*ye have heard...*” vs. 18b/2 Thess. 2:1-10
 - c. The *already* present antichrists, marking ‘*the last hour.*’ Matt. 24:24-27/Mark 13:21-22

2. The **Departure** from the Truth (Church): *Apostasy*. vv. 19-21
 - a. They were *among* the True Church, claiming to be Christians. 2 Tim. 3:1-9
 - b. The *adversaries* of Christ in the Church are marked by their apostasy. 1 Tim. 4:1-3
 - c. Those who have the *anointing* are eternally secured and have spiritual discernment. Acts 2:33; 10:38/1 John 4:13/Eph. 1:13-14/John 16:13-15/1 Cor. 2:12-16/John 6:37-40

3. The **Denial** of Jesus as Christ: *Heresy*. vv. 22-23
 - a. Denies Jesus is **P**_____. Heb. 11:1-3/John 3:34
 - b. Denies Jesus is **P**_____ and **K**_____. Ps. 2:6-8/Acts 2:29-36/Heb. 5:5-6
 - c. The **Principle**: Antichrists are adversaries of the Father. vv. 22b-23/1 John 4:15/2 John 9

Conclusion: Three **Prescriptions** that aid and abet perseverance (Part II - Homework):

1. *Cling* to Sound Doctrine and the promises of the Gospel therein. vv. 2:24-25
2. *Continue* to Submit to Spirit-aided Teaching. vv. 2:26-27
3. *Commit* to affirming your Son-ship by obedience. vv. 2:28-29