



That You May Know Series, Part 5: The Last Battle - I John 2:18-27

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Intro: In the 'last time'

Vs 18- "Children, it is the last hour"

The time between first and second coming of Christ: *Acts 2:16-17; I Cor 10:11; II Tim 3:1; Heb 1:1-2; Heb 9:26; I Pet 1:20.*

The antichrist is coming, but the antichrists are here now. Matthew 24:4-26; Daniel 9:27; II Thessalonians 2:3; Matthew 7:15-20

We must identify the antichrists.

I. The Antichrist and his antichrists are against Christ

The antichrists are not atheists; they know that Christ exists.

The antichrists work indirectly against Christ, by redefining Jesus. Galatians 1:7

They have the spirit of antichrist. I John 4:2-3

They are forerunners of the antichrist.

There are many of them spread around the world. II John 1:7

II. Vs 19- Antichrists will eventually leave.

DISCLAIMER: Not all who leave have the spirit of antichrist.

The antichrists take others with them. II Timothy 3:5-7

True followers persevere and have eternal security. They know they are saved. John 10:24-30

Vss 22-23- The antichrists eventually deny the deity of Christ.

How should we respond when we perceive a spirit of antichrist? Matthew 18; Galatians 6; Galatians 1:8-9

III. God has equipped us for battle with the antichrists. I John 4:4-6

Vss 20-21- The "anointing" of the Holy Spirit. Acts 10:38

Vs 27- We need 'teachers', but must discern by the Spirit and Word if any add to or corrupt the Word revealed by the apostles. Matthew 28:20; I Corinthians 12: 28; Ephesians 4:11; Colossians 3:16; I Timothy 4:11; II Timothy 2:2, 24.

Vss 24-26- The Word that abides in us.

Jesus + something = heresy. But Jesus + nothing = eternal life.

Things we know about antichrists:

1. Called antichrists, but could be known as false teachers, prophets and christs.
2. Here now.
3. Many spread throughout the world.
4. They are liars and deceivers.
5. Deny the deity of Christ and the incarnation.
6. Deny the Father and the Son.
7. Have the spirit of the antichrist.
8. They are Christ opposers, not replacers.
9. They are forerunners of the Antichrist.

For Consideration:

- Why is it dangerous to speculate about the identity of the Antichrist?
- How can you identify those with the spirit of Antichrist by doctrine?
- What is the difference between true Christ-followers and those with the spirit of antichrist?
- Why is it vital to expose false teachers and others with the spirit of antichrist in the church?
- What weapons do we have to fight the spirit of antichrist?