

## **THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST**

1 John 2:18-29      Jeff Schreve

*Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. 1 John 2:18*

**What does God want us to know about the spirit of antichrist?**

**1. The spirit of antichrist reveals that we are in the last hour.**

- A. The last hour began at the ascension of Christ.
- B. The last hour is intensifying days of opposition to Christ.
- C. The last hour culminates in the Antichrist and Armageddon.

**2. The spirit of antichrist has telltale signs.**

- A. The antichrist leaves the fellowship of true believers.

*They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. 1 John 2:19*

- B. The antichrist denies the orthodox Christian faith.

*Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. 1 John 2:22-23*

- \* The devil attacks the person and work of Christ.

- C. The antichrist works to deceive and lead Christians astray.

*These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. 1 John 1:26*

- \* We are to be led/taught by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

*And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him. 1 John 2:27*

### **3. The spirit of antichrist is overcome by abiding in Christ.**

*And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him. 1 John 2:28-29*

*“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.” John 15:4-5*

**Is there anything keeping you from abiding in Him?**