

BEING CAREFUL OF WHO WE FOLLOW

Children of God: Living in Light of Love, part 3

January 16th-17th

1 John 2:18-27

18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. 22 Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

24 As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

26 I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. 27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

HOW TO FOLLOW THE FATHER

"Dear children..." (v. 18)

1. Be CAREFUL of how you live.

"...this is the last hour..." (v. 18)

"I am writing these things to you..." (v. 26)

2. Be CONFIDENT of your calling.

"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth." (v. 20)

"As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you." (v. 27)

"And this is what he promised us—eternal life." (v. 25)

3. Be CLEAR about our adversary.

"...the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come." (v. 18)

"They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us." (v. 19)

"Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son." (v. 22; see also 1 John 4:3; 2 John 1:7)

4. Be COMMITTED to remain.

"As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father....just as it [the anointing from God] has taught you, remain in him." (vv. 24-25, 27)

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