

Intro:

X. Antichrists and Christians

A. Characteristics of Antichrists - vs 18-19,22-23,26

1. Introduction of Antichrists - vs 18

a. Little children

i. *paidion* - a childling (of either sex), an infant, a half-grown boy or girl; an immature Christian:--(little, young) child, damsel.

ii. Identifies them as children of God - 2:13

iii. Those the Father wants to warn of impending danger and serious threat

b. it is the last hour/ by which we know that it is the last hour

i. refers to the present evil age of two ages/ the other being the age to come

ii. The last hour started at the 1st coming of Christ - Ga 4:4; Heb 1:1-2; 1Pe 1:20

iii. It ends at the 2nd coming

iv. The age to come encompasses all events afterwards -

c. you have heard that the Antichrist is coming

i. 1st NT use of the term

ii. understood from the OT - Dan 7:8; 9:26-27; Zec 11:15-17

iii. Repeated by Christ - Mt 24:15-25;

iv. Taught by Paul

- 2 Th 2:1-12 wouldn't happen until "the apostasy"

- 1 Tim 4:1-3 what brings the apostasy?

d. even now many antichrists have come

i. with Christ's 1st coming. demonic activity spiked as not seen before or since

ii. As we get closer to the 2nd coming,

- false teaching seems to be on the increase, leading to

- the ultimate deception of the worship of the antichrist of the tribulation

2. Their Characteristics - vs 19, 22-23, 26

a. They leave the fellowship - They went out from us, but they were not of us;

i. if they were truly saved - for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; - Jo 10:28-29; 2Ti 2:19-21

ii. but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. - Ac 20:30

iii.

b. They deny the faith - Who is a liar

i. but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?

- the Person and Work of Jesus Christ is fundamental to salvation - Jo 8:24; Ac 4:12; Ro 10:9-10

- genuine salvation requires embracing

-Him as Messiah - Jo 1:49;

-that He is the one and only God/Man - 1 Ti 2:5; Tit 2:13

-obeying the Gospel - Mk 1:15; Jo 3:36; 15:10

ii. He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

- Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

- God is inseparable - 1:3; 4:2-3, 9-10

- to deny the essence of the one is to deny the essence of the whole -
Mt 11:27; Lk 9:27; Jo 17:5, 21-23; 1Jo 2:22-24

c. by nature they try to confuse the faithful

i. These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. - vs 26

ii. True believers are not so easily deceived - **Mt 24:24; Mt 24:2Th 2:9-11; 2Ti 2:19; 1Jo 3:7; 2Jo 7-8; Re 13:13**

B. Characteristics of Christians - vs 20-21, 24-25, 27

1. Accept the Faith - vs 20-21, 27

a. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

i. *chrisma* - an unguent or smearing, the special endowment ("chrism") of the Holy Spirit--anointing, unction.

ii. One ministry of the Holy Spirit is to lead us into truth - 2Co 1:21-22; Jo 14:26; 16:13

b. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth,

i. but because you know it,

ii. and that no lie is of the truth.

iii. You cannot have it both ways, truth and lies - **1Co 2:12-16**

c. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you,

i. permanently - **Jo 14:16-17; Ro 8:9; Eph 1:13**

- and you do not need that anyone teach you; - **Eph 4:11-12**

- but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things,

I - and is true, and is not a lie

ii. just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

2. Remain Faithful - vs 24-25

a. your participation - Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning.

i. *meno* - to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy), abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry

ii. what you heard from the beginning - the truth

b. If - what you heard from the beginning abides in you, - **Jo 14:23**

i. you also will abide in the Son

ii. and in the Father.

c. Then - And this is the promise that He has promised us--eternal life.

i. Jo 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

ii. 1Jo 1:2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

iii. 1Jo 5:11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.