

## **1 John 2:18-2:27 (Part 2: Antichrist)**

18 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that **antichrist** is coming, so now many **antichrists** have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. 20 But you have been **anointed** by the Holy One and you all have knowledge. 21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ. This is the **antichrist**, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 Let what you heard from the beginning **abide** in you. If what you heard from the beginning **abides** in you, then you too will **abide** in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he made to us – eternal life. 26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. 29 But the **anointing** that you received from him **abides** in you and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his **anointing** teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie – just as it has taught you, **abide** in him.

**Three A's: Antichrist (today), Anointing, Abiding (next time)**

### **1. Who is Antichrist? Who are the antichrists?**

### **2. How do these antichrists behave?**

### **3. What do these antichrists teach?**

a) Jesus is not the Incarnate Son of God

b) God is not both Father and Son

**We need to be wary and cautious of Antichrist but not afraid. He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world. Next time we see that we have God's anointing that protects us.**

### **Conclusion: The three-legged stool of Christian confidence**

The moral test, the relational test, and finally today, the doctrinal test.