

# I John

## Listen Up, Kids!

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### I John 2:15-29

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he promised us—even eternal life. <sup>26</sup> I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. <sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

1. What is John saying in **vs. 15-17**? Is he really saying that loving the world, the people and things here, is to not love God? I thought God so loved the world that he sent his Son to save it, just like John wrote in his gospel!
  - How does this fit within the broader line of thought of God being light and those who are one with him, all in, are light as well?
2. What makes this “the last hour”?
3. John draws a clear distinction between those that went out from them but weren’t really of them (“them” being the believers in Ephesus and outlying house-churches). The first distinction is that those who remain in the truth have an anointing from the Holy One. What does that mean? See **John 14:23-24** and **Ephesians 1:13-14**.

- Why does John remind them that they know the truth? Remember, John is their spiritual father and is using his life experience to exhort and guide his children as they look toward their futures.
  - Define “antichrist.”
4. What are the direct and excellent outcomes of remaining in the truth of God you heard from the beginning?
  5. How can your anointing, spoken of earlier, continue to teach your real, actual, not counterfeit things like John writes in **vs. 26-27**? See **I Corinthians 2:12-16** and **John 14:26**.
  6. What’s the final encouragement of the chapter? What’s the importance of producing the fruit of the Spirit for Christians?