

### Part 3 study of 1 John 2:18-27

Hello everyone. Thank you for joining me today at the PUNLA Coffee Table. So, get comfortable, get your coffee or tea or water and settle in for our talk.

I hope everyone is doing well.

Today we are continuing our study of 1<sup>st</sup> John. 1 John 2:18-27 can be summarized as the Enemies of Christ.

Remember before we start reading the bible we need to remember the background of 1<sup>st</sup> John. The author is the Apostle John. Most scholars believe it was written in AD85-90. The main themes in 1st John are,

- True Teaching, True Living and True Love
- Encourage Christian who are being persecuted (who/why it was written to and what was happening in History). Christians were being persecuted by the Romans, by the Jews and pretty much very other group.
- We can Trust “who Jesus is”
- Jesus is both man & God - ignore false teachers who deny
- Correct the wrong ideas about Jesus
- Correct idea about what is good and evil which lead to the lack of morality in the church

We live in an age where tolerance is viewed as the highest of virtues, so to call into question the beliefs of another is considered the worst of all sins. When is tolerance right and called for? When is it foolish and even dangerous to be tolerant?

Since the early days of the faith, whenever and wherever Christians have proclaimed God’s truth, the Evil One has promptly counterattacked by inspiring smooth-talking preachers to spout a counterfeit, alternative gospel. Here John challenges his readers to reject the enemies of Christ.

Today we are going to study 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:18-27.

Let’s Read 1 John 2:18-19. I’m reading from the NKJV. <sup>18</sup> Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, **even now many antichrists have come**, by which we know that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> 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 they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

What’s the connection and/or difference between the “Antichrist” (singular capital A) and “antichrists” (plural, lower case a; see v.18)?

If you have read the book of Revelation or heard it talked about, then you probably have a good idea who the Antichrist is. Other places in the bible refer to the capital “A” antichrist as the “son of perdition” or “man of lawlessness”. All of these are referring to the man who will try to look like Christ and deceive the world in the last days. Small “a” antichrist refers to anyone against Christ. So, teachers who teach false doctrine or other Gospel are antichrist. John told us “even now many antichrists have come” and today we have many antichrists around us. You only need to look on TV or bookstores or the internet. There are many who teach, preach and live against Christ. These are antichrists.

Let's Read 1 John 2:20-22 <sup>20</sup>But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. <sup>21</sup>I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. **22Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.**

v.22 really stress the theme of this section. If any teacher denies who Jesus is or talks of other gods, then these are antichrists. We as Christians believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three persons are God and have always been God period. I really like how the Bible Project Video GOD which tries to explain the trinity. I recommend you check it out. I'll include a link so you can find it easily.  
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Let's Read 1 John 2:23-27 <sup>23</sup>Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup>Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

<sup>25</sup>And this is the promise that **He has promised us--eternal life.** <sup>26</sup>These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. <sup>27</sup>But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

### **What constitutes being an "Enemy of Christ"?**

Teachers who teach false doctrine or other Gospel are antichrists or enemies of Christ. But what about people who tell us things are false or outside of God's will for us. Here is a

Here is a list of other Bible passages about Spiritual Deception: Romans 16:18, 2Corinthians 11:13, Ephesians 4:14, Titus 1:10, 2John 7

I encourage you to read them and meditate on these scriptures about Spiritual Deception.

If you are Journaling This week, consider this question.

(Have you ever felt the need to leave a particular church? What were your reasons?)

### **Let's Pray.**

**Father God. Thank you for this time together. Help us to apply these lessons in our life.**

**Obedience is not easy for us. Help us to resist the world and its ideas so we can live as you would want us to. Help us to see that life in the Kingdom is better and more fulfilling than anything else. Help us to concentrate on what we receive when we are obedient. Which is hope, love, assurance and peace. The evil one wants to deceive us about what we are missing but Lord help us to see it's just a lie.**

**God, I am so thankful for everyone listening. Please use this study to open hearts to you Lord.**

**I want to pray for all those listening. You know them and their struggles Lord. Help them Jesus to surrender to you. And accept the peace and assurances which can only come through true fellowship with you, Lord Jesus. I pray this in your name, Jesus Amen**

Thank you for joining me at the PUNLA Coffee Table. If you liked the message, please select like. And Please Subscribe to our channel. Leave comments here, or our website or mail me at [kip@punla.org](mailto:kip@punla.org). I appreciate your feedback.

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