

Light, Life and Love: A Series in 1 John
Look Out for Opposition
1 John 2:18-27

“Dear children, this is the last hour, and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come.”

1 John 2:18 (NIV)

Main Point: Warning! Opposition to our faith is everywhere!

Antichrist- an adversary of Jesus Christ in the last days; the personification of all that is opposed to and contrary to the ministry and person of Jesus Christ. This person is already at work in false teachers.

Anointed/anointing- to rub or smear with oil; receiving and the endowment of the Holy Spirit.

Last hour- the last days of humanity marked by difficulties, persecution and trials; literally, the last days before the return of Jesus Christ which will be marked with the final resurrection and judgement.

Point One: Overcome opposition by remembering the truth you heard.

We remain in Christ by remembering the Word of God, receiving it and heeding the instruction within.

Point Two: Overcome opposition by seeing deceivers for who they really are.

Deceivers will...

- Deny that Jesus came in the flesh.
- Deny that Jesus is the Messiah.
- Deny their own sinful condition.

"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."

Ephesians 5:6

Point Three: Overcome opposition by remembering you have been anointed.

Our Anointing...

- Happened at the moment of salvation (Ephesians 1:13).
- Is real and from Jesus Christ (John 15:26; 1 John 2:20).
- Results in spiritual fruit (John 15:3-5; Galatians 5:22-23).

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Next week: Whose Child Are You? 2:28-3:10