

## **The Essentials of Our Faith – Studies In I John #9**

Counterfeits and Anointing

I John 2:18-27

### **I. The Reality of Counterfeit Christs VS 18-19**

- A.** The last hour
- The last period of time before the end
  - Includes all the issues that precede the end of time
  - They keep occurring
  - A theological time not a chronological one
- B.** The false teachers in your church
- Give evidence of the last hour
  - They left us
  - Not a part of us
  - Obvious

### **II. The Confidence of Truth VS 20-25**

- A.** You have been anointed
- Play on words – antichrist means the anointing has been taken off
  - The Holy One – spirit of Christ in you – the presence of the Holy Spirit
  - You know this
- B.** You know the truth
- No lie comes from the truth
- C.** The lie is the denial that Jesus is the Christ
- Denies the Father and the Son
- D.** This is what the antichrist always does
- Tries to separate Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- E.** Shows that they are not believers
- F.** You however,
- Abide in what you know is true
  - And you will abide in Father and Son
  - This is the reality of eternal life

### **III. The Safeguards Against Antichrists VS 26-27**

- A.** In the face of deception
- B.** Abide in His anointing
- The Holy Spirit
  - The Word

- Accountability of the body of Christ

**C.** There is no more teaching than that

- Everything else is not from God

**D.** His anointing teaches us what is true

- Abide in Him and
- You will not be deceived

### **IV. Thoughts**

**A.** Why are Christians so susceptible to false teaching?

- In every century there have been heresies that have lead Christians astray
- Maybe we don't know what is true so it's hard to identify what's false
- Almost always its an issue regarding the God Head – Father, Son or Holy Spirit
- Some other way to salvation than the finished work of Christ
- Immaturity – itching ears
- Or not abiding

**B.** The anointing of the Holy Spirit

- Anointing comes before filling
- One sets us apart
- One gets us moving
- Anointing happens at conversion and again for every demanding opportunity
  1. Holy Spirit will give you words to speak
  2. Lead you into all truth
- False teachers said you need our insights and our methods
- Our anointing is Christ coming into us and abiding there
  1. Colossians 1:26-27  
"the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

- It happens everyday

**C.** Abide in it!