

DIGGING DEEPER



1. What did you learn from our study of 1 John 2:18-23 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. Among the many teachings in the Christian faith which doctrine do you consider the most important? Why? What are popular false teachings about this doctrine today?
3. What did John mean by the phrase "they went out from us" (19)? Explain the significance of this statement.
4. What is the "anointing" mentioned in verse 20? What does the "anointing" do for the believer? Are you "anointed"? How do you know? If we have an anointing why is studying the Bible still essential to the believer?
5. Define "antichrist" (22). How are the "antichrists" similar and different from the "Antichrist" (18)? Identify the characteristics John mentions of the antichrists? What are the characteristics of their teachings?

For Long-Handled Shovels

- What should we do when we encounter someone whom we believe is leading us astray?

HOW TO DETECT A DECEIVER



1 John 2:18-23

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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. 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 they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. ²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. ²¹ 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. ²² Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

THE CONTEXT

I. THEIR DAY (18)

A. “The last _____”

B. “The _____”

C. “Many _____”

II. THEIR DEPARTURE (19)

A. “They went _____”

B. “They were _____”

III. THEIR DIFFERENCE (20-21)

A. “You have an _____”

B. “You know the _____”

IV. THEIR DENIALS (22-23)

A. “Jesus is the _____”

B. “The _____ and the _____”