

## ASSURANCE: How to Know That You Have Eternal Life

Lesson Seven • 1John 2:18-27

### Avoiding Spiritual Deception

#### Age of Deception

In an age of false teachers and false teaching, true believers must AVOID spiritual deception.

*These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. 1John 2:26*

#### Avoiding Spiritual Deception

### 1. Be Aware of the Spiritual Deception: Be DISCERNING!

#### Be Discerning

We are living in the last hour of DECEPTION with many antichrists around us, and with the Antichrist still to come.

*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. 1John 2:18*

*For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 2John 1:7*

#### Understanding the Present Deception

- “Last hour” refers to the entire TIME period between the first and second comings of Jesus Christ. *1Timothy 4:1; 2Peter 3:3*
- “Antichrist” refers to the coming final world RULER energized by Satan who will seek to replace Jesus Christ. *2Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 13:1-10*
- “Many antichrists” refers to FALSE teachers who embody the “spirit of the antichrist”. *1John 4:1,3; Mark 13:22*

For more biblical insight on false teachers and false doctrines read the bulletin insert “Deadly Doctrines”

#### Marks of False Teachers

- False teachers DENY the truth of Jesus Christ.

*Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. 1John 2:22-23*

- False teachers DEPART from the church of Jesus Christ.

*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. 1John 2:19*

- False teachers try to DECEIVE the true believers of Jesus Christ.

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### 2. Be Aware of the Spiritual Protection: Be ABIDING!

#### Mark of True Believers

True believers ABIDE in the truth of Jesus Christ.

*If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 1John 2:24*

#### Two Safeguards

- We have the authority of the Scriptures, so abide in the WORD of God.

*Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. 1John 2:24*

- We have the anointing of the Spirit, so abide in the SPIRIT of God.

*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 abide in Him. 1John 2:27*

#### The Promise

“And this is the promise that He has promised us—ETERNAL LIFE.”  
1John 2:25