

I JOHN – LESSON 4

I. KNOWING THE LAST HOUR AND THE ANTI-CHRIST (2:18-28)

- A. It is the last hour for anti-christs have come (v. 18)
- B. Anti-christs went out from Christians proving that they were not of them (v. 19).
- C. Avoid being led astray by following the miraculous infallible knowledge that they possessed (v. 20-21, 24, 27-28)
 - 1. Will not be ashamed before the Lord's coming
- D. Identifying characteristics of anti-christ (v. 22-23a)
 - 1. Liar
 - 2. Denies Jesus is the Christ
 - a. Therefore, denies the Father
- E. He that confesses the Son has both the father and the Son along with promise of eternal life (v. 23b; 25).

QUESTIONS:

1. What *two characteristics* of the anti-christ does John reveal contradicting the modern religious belief of "The Antichrist"?
2. What is the meaning of "anti-christ"?
3. How could John say it was the "last hour" in his day?
4. What "anointing" of the Holy One had John's readers received?
5. How would this anointing continue to benefit John's readers?
6. What are *two characteristics* of one who denies the truth about the Son?
7. Why is it important to abide in the Father and Son?
8. What can we do to avoid being ashamed at the coming of the Lord?