

**1 John 2:18-27**

v18 – antichrist	(noun)	someone who is opposed to Christ Jesus; someone who is against Christ Jesus
v20 – anointing	(noun)	the act of pouring oil on someone’s head as a symbol to show they are set aside for God’s purpose
v20 – the Holy One	(proper noun)	God
v20 – Holy	(adjective)	pure; set apart
v22 – denies (something)	(verb)	refuses to recognise that something is true
v22 – denies (someone)	(verb)	says that they do not know someone even though they actually do; shows that they no longer want to have any connection with someone
v23 – acknowledges	(verb)	demonstrates that they know someone (through words and/or actions)
v25 – eternal	(adjective)	lasts forever; never ends
v26 – astray	(adverb)	out of the correct path; out of the good or right way
v27 – counterfeit	(adjective)	not genuine but made to look genuine; fake

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<sup>18</sup> Dear children, we are living in the last days. You have heard that the great enemy of Christ is coming. But even now many enemies of Christ have already come. That’s how we know that these are the last days. <sup>19</sup> These enemies left our community of believers. They didn’t really belong to us. If they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But by leaving they showed that none of them belonged to us.

<sup>20</sup> You have received the Spirit from the Holy One. And all of you know the truth. <sup>21</sup> I’m not writing to you because you don’t know the truth. I’m writing because you do know it. I’m writing to you because no lie comes from the truth. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar? It is anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. The person who says this is the great enemy of Christ. They say no to the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> The person who says no to the Son doesn’t belong to the Father. But anyone who says yes to the Son belongs to the Father also.

<sup>24</sup> Make sure that you don’t forget what you have heard from the beginning. Then you will remain joined to the Son and to the Father. <sup>25</sup> And here is what God has promised us. He has promised us eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I’m writing these things to warn you. I am warning you about people trying to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup> But you have received the Holy Spirit from God. He continues to live in you. So you don’t need anyone to teach you. God’s Spirit teaches you about everything. What he says is true. He doesn’t lie. Remain joined to Christ, just as you have been taught by the Spirit.

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