

"Truth vs. Error" - 1 John 2:18-29

Is truth really important? Does it really matter what a person believes as long as they are sincere? False teachers were wrecking havoc in the churches John was writing to. He tells us what to do about it.

1. When John says "antichrist is coming" he is referring to: **V.18**
 - A. a _____. – The final world dictator, the Satanic Superman, who will seek to _____ and _____ the true Christ.
Dan. 8, 11; Mt. 24; 2 Ths. 2:1-12; Rev. 13:1-5, 19:20
 - B. _____. (antichrists) – the Enemy has long used "people" to do his bidding in _____ multitudes.
 - C. a _____. The spirit of the First _____ (**Jn 8:44**) working in men to distort truth, spread false doctrine, and enslave billions.

2. The term "Antichrist" has 2 meanings:
 - A. _____ Christ. (fighting, opposition)
 - B. _____ of Christ. (substitution of counterfeits)
Matthew 7:15-20, Matthew 24:4-5, 11-13, 23-27

3 Marks of False Teachers:

- #1.** They _____ from the Body of Christ. **V.19**
 - A. The _____ Church – God's Family all over the earth.
 - B. The _____ Church – My spiritual Family where I live.
 - C. The principle of "_____ of the Saints" – that truly "saved" people will remain true to Christ until the end. **Mark 13:13, 2 Tim. 2:12**
 - D. The ultimate test of true Christianity is _____.

- #2.** They _____ Jesus Christ is. **V.22-23**

- #3.** They try to _____ the faithful. **V.26 2 Timothy 4:1-5**

3 Safeguards from Deception:

- #1 – the _____ of Truth. V. 24**
 - My Commitment to _____ the Word for myself and _____ what I learn.

#2 - the Spirit of Truth. V.20, 27 "the anointing abides in you"

- the Holy Spirit was given to _____ you truth.
(plus your built in _____)
- My Commitment to _____ what He tells me.

John 14:26, Rom. 8:14

#3 - the Body of Truth. V.19 – "don't go OUT from us"

- My commitment to being in the _____ (John 10) for health, safety, equipping, and _____ prosperity.

Hebrews 10:24-25