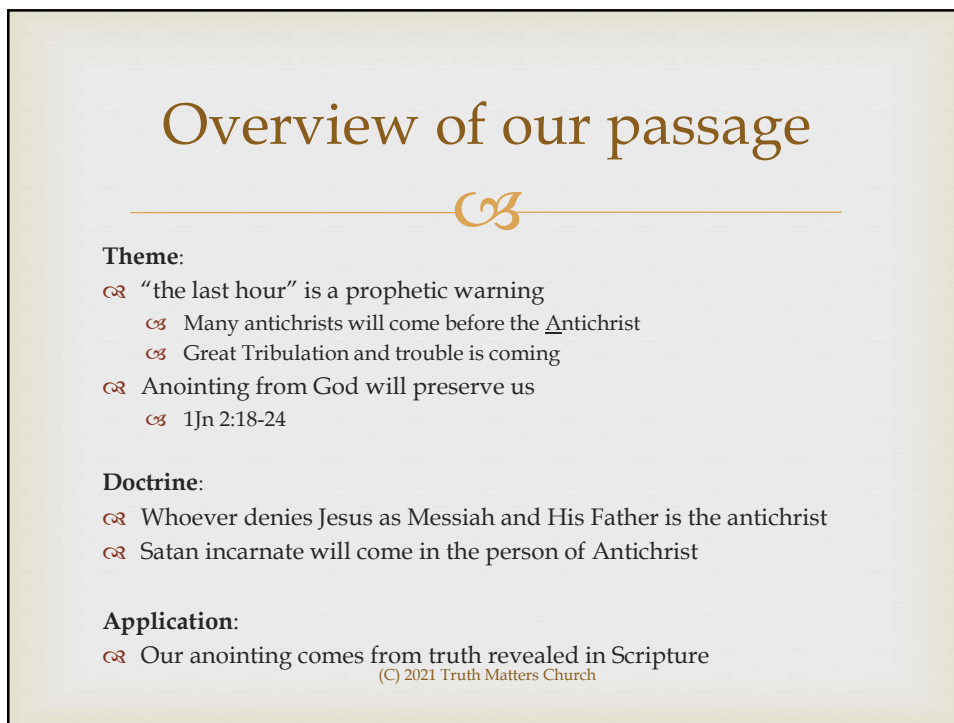


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# Scripture Reading



## 1 John 2:18-24 (NASB)

18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. 24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

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# Exposit: 1Jn 2:18



18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

- ☞ "last hour" (2x in this verse)
- ☞ "Antichrist is coming"
- ☞ "from this we know it is the last hour" (end times in view)

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## “last hour”



- ☞ Only John uses this phrase and it's only found in this verse
- ☞ Context defines this period of time
- ☞ John says “it is (present tense) the last hour”
- ☞ But know “last hour” is also prophetic speaking of the end times
  - ☞ “from this we know that it is the last hour”
- ☞ Thus, “last hour” includes the time John penned this letter up to and including the revealing of Antichrist

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## “last hour” (before Antichrist comes)



- ☞ Many antichrists have come and will come
- ☞ “antichrist” is a compound word
  - ☞ anti = opposite, against, substitution
  - ☞ christos = Anointed One/Messiah/Christ
- ☞ antichrists are those, especially in world power:
  - ☞ Against biblical Christianity
  - ☞ Against the biblical Jesus
  - ☞ Enemies of the gospel
  - ☞ Reject Jesus as Messiah
  - ☞ Reject Jesus as the Son of God
  - ☞ Hate God's people, Jews and Christians
    - ☞ Ex. Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin
- ☞ Some will claim to be, or take the place of Messiah (Savior)

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## “Antichrist is coming”



- ❧ Future tense (prophetic warning)
- ❧ Antichrist is coming and will arrive on the scene
- ❧ How can we know its him?
- ❧ I'd like to present 5 clues from Scripture...

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## “Antichrist is coming”



- ❧ He is the “little (small) horn” in Daniel 8:  
 Daniel 8:9-12  
 (Context vision of ram and goat; goat defeats ram, then goat is split up into 4)  
 9 Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land. 10 It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down. 11 It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down. 12 And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.

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# “Antichrist is coming”



☞ **Clue #1: he will be from the middle east** (south and east from Jerusalem)

Daniel 8:9-12

### The Little Horn

9 Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great **toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.** 10 It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down. 11 It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down. 12 And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.

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## “Antichrist is coming”



### ☞ Clue #2: he will put a stop to sacrifices in the temple

Daniel 8:9-12

11 It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.

Daniel 9:27

27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

Daniel 11:31

31 Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

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## “Antichrist is coming”



### ☞ Clue #3: the abomination of desolation is set up in the temple

Daniel 9:27

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Daniel 11:31

31 Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

Daniel 12:11

11 From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

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## “Antichrist is coming”



### ☞ Clue #3 (cont'd): the abomination of desolation set up in the temple

Matthew 24:15-22

15 “Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, **standing in the holy place** (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. 18 Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

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## “Antichrist is coming”



### ☞ Clue #3 (cont'd): the abomination of desolation set up in the temple

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 **who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God**, displaying himself as being God.

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## “Antichrist is coming”



### ☞ Clue #4: Apostasy of the Christian faith comes first

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come **unless the apostasy comes first**, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

☞ TRUTH: There will be a falling away from the Christian faith

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## “Antichrist is coming”



### ☞ Clue #4 (cont'd): Apostasy of the Christian faith comes first

2 Timothy 4:1-5

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. 5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

☞ The gospel will be replaced with myths

☞ Professed Christians will choose to believe myths (lies) vs. truth

☞ Sound doctrine will not be tolerated inside (and outside) the church

☞ Will succumb to social issues, etc.

☞ As a result, many will depart from the true faith

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## “Antichrist is coming”



### ☞ Clue #5: He will claim to be God

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and **exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship**, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, **displaying himself as being God**.

☞ Christianity will likely be illegal worldwide

☞ TRUTH: you will not have “freedom of religion” during the Great Tribulation

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## “last hour” (when Antichrist comes)



☞ John is warning us, Antichrist is coming and when he comes...

☞ “all hell breaks loose”

☞ **The Great Tribulation starts**

Matthew 24:

21 For then there will be **a great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

☞ **Day of Jacob's trouble**

Jeremiah 30:

7 'Alas! for that day is great,  
There is none like it;  
And it is the time of **Jacob's distress**,  
But he will be saved from it.

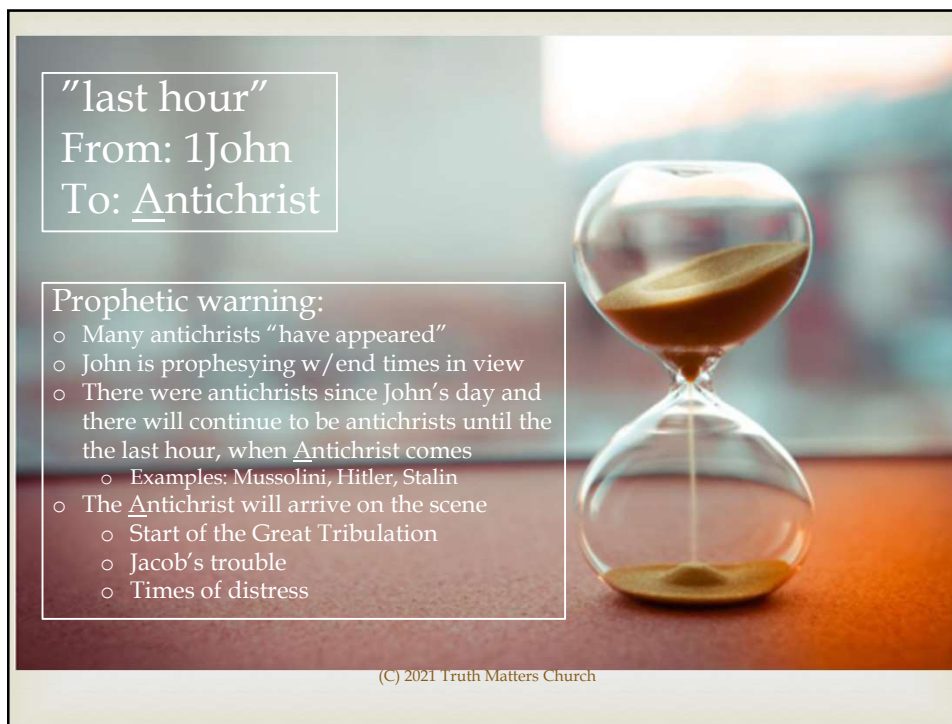
☞ **Time of distress**

Daniel 12:

1 “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be **a time of distress** such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

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"last hour"  
From: 1John  
To: Antichrist

Prophetic warning:

- Many antichrists "have appeared"
- John is prophesying w/end times in view
- There were antichrists since John's day and there will continue to be antichrists until the the last hour, when Antichrist comes
  - Examples: Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin
- The Antichrist will arrive on the scene
  - Start of the Great Tribulation
  - Jacob's trouble
  - Times of distress

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"from this we know that this is the last hour"

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- ❧ Again this is prophetic in nature warning us of arrival of Antichrist
- ❧ Many antichrists will come and ultimately...

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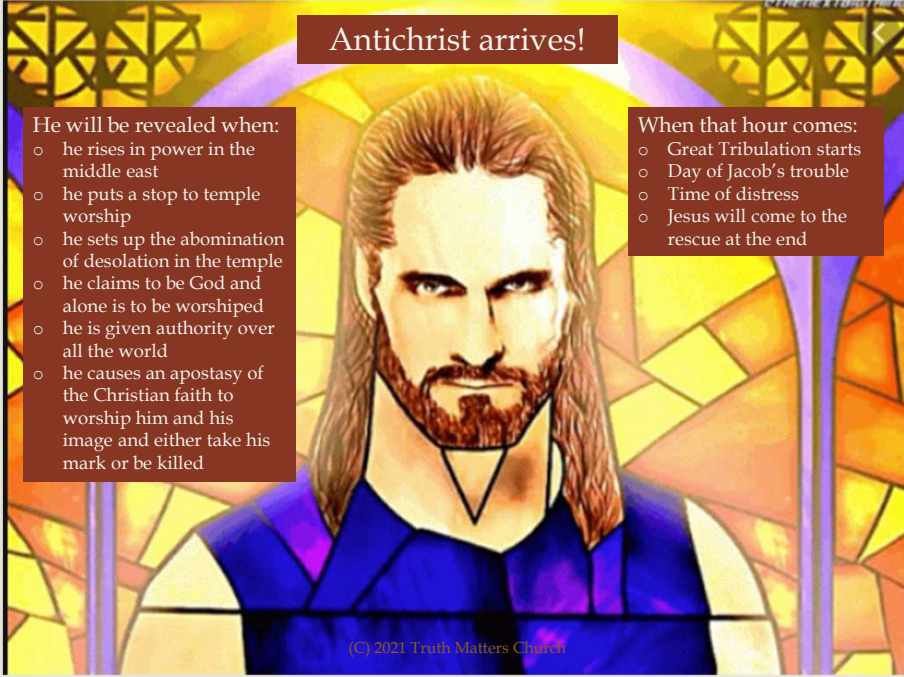
**Antichrist arrives!**

**He will be revealed when:**

- he rises in power in the middle east
- he puts a stop to temple worship
- he sets up the abomination of desolation in the temple
- he claims to be God and alone is to be worshiped
- he is given authority over all the world
- he causes an apostasy of the Christian faith to worship him and his image and either take his mark or be killed

**When that hour comes:**

- Great Tribulation starts
- Day of Jacob's trouble
- Time of distress
- Jesus will come to the rescue at the end



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## Exposit: 1Jn 2:19

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19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

❧ "they went out from us" = apostasy

❧ Prophetic in nature

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## “they went out from us”



- ☞ As we covered previously, the apostasy must happen first before Antichrist is revealed:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come **unless the apostasy comes first**, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

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## “they went out from us”



1 Timothy 4:1-3

1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times \*some will **fall away from the faith**, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

- ☞ \*tis' in Greek which means certain ones

- ☞ "the faith" = "the Christian faith" or "the biblical gospel"

- ☞ Churches with loosie-goosy doctrines will open themselves up to doctrine of demons

- ☞ This will open them up to receiving false Christs and false prophets despite Jesus's warning:

Matthew 24:23-25

23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, **so as to mislead**, if possible, even the elect. 25 Behold, I have told you in advance.

- ☞ John (1Jn 2:19) and Paul (2Th 2:3, 2Ti 1:1) are prophesying of the same thing

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## “they went out from us”



- SEVERAL TRUTHS from prophecy:
  - There will be an apostate church at the end times before Antichrist comes
  - Many will embrace false Christs and false Messiahs
  - If you are truly saved, you will never depart the faith
  - If you depart the faith, you were never truly saved

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## Exposit: 1Jn 2:20



20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

- “anointing from the Holy One”

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## Exposit: 1Jn 2:20



- ☞ Anointing is 'chrisma'
- ☞ Only John uses this Greek word in the NT
- ☞ In the OT, anointing speaks of the anointing oil which consecrates (set apart as holy):
  - ☞ Tabernacle and all that is in it
    - ☞ Tent of meeting, ark of the testimony, table, utensils, lampstand, etc.
  - ☞ Priests (Aaron and his sons)
    - ☞ Anointed oil on their head

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## Exposit: 1Jn 2:20



- ☞ In the NT, believers have an anointing from the Holy One
- ☞ "Holy One" (hagios) is speaking of "Jesus"
- ☞ John is saying the Holy One has consecrated us to Himself
- ☞ In context, believers have an anointing from Jesus and therefore will never depart from the faith!

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## Catarroja AMP: 1Jn 2:20



“20 But you (true believers) have an anointing (are consecrated as holy) from the Holy One (and therefore you will not depart from the faith), and you all know (the truth).”

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## Exposit: 1Jn 2:21



21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

- ✧ Bible is written for those who seek truth
- ✧ Those anointed by Christ (the elect) know and receive the truth
- ✧ John is affirming the truth that they received
  - ✧ Including the gospel of John
- ✧ Just as there is no evil in God, there is no lies in the truth

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## Exposit: 1Jn 2:22



22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

- ☞ "the liar" and "the antichrist" has two-fold truths, it applies to:
  - i. Unbelievers
  - ii. The Antichrist (prophetic)
- ☞ Unbelievers:
  - ☞ Will deny the biblical Jesus, gospel
  - ☞ Will deny the Father and the Son
- ☞ And as we know Antichrist:
  - ☞ Will deny the biblical Jesus, gospel
  - ☞ Will deny the Sonship of Jesus
  - ☞ Desolate the temple and claim to be God

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## Exposit: 1Jn 2:23



23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

- ☞ In context, has dual truths:
  - i. Unbelievers
    - ☞ If you deny Jesus, you deny God the Father
    - ☞ You are not saved and will be judged
  - ii. Antichrist
    - ☞ Will not acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God
    - ☞ Will reject God the Father and the trinity
    - ☞ Will proclaim to be God
    - ☞ Will be thrown into lake of fire
- ☞ In context, those with an anointing from Jesus will through his confession believe Jesus is the Son of the living God and alone is Savior

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## Exposit: 1Jn 2:24



24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

- ☞ “as for you” referring to believers
  - ☞ No longer referring to unbelievers or antichrists
- ☞ “let that” (antecedent) is anointing
- ☞ “abide in you” remain in you
- ☞ “which you heard” referring to the word of truth
- ☞ If you received the truth, you received the anointing that comes with the truth, and you will remain in the Son and the Father

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## Catarroja AMP: 1Jn 2:24



24 As for you (believers), let that (anointing) abide (remain) in you which you heard from the beginning (when the gospel was preached to you). If what you heard from the beginning (is truth) abides (remains) in you, you also will abide (remain) in the Son and in the Father.

### **Truth (and application):**

- ☞ Our anointing comes from truth revealed in Scripture
- ☞ You cannot reject the biblical Jesus and be saved
- ☞ False Christs, false prophets, false teachings, false religions may way otherwise, but none of those will save you

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