

## 1 Jn. 2:18-25

- I. The time of differentiation is happening (18-19)
  - A. The presence of antichrist is evidence of the last hour (18)
    - 1. Dear children, it is the last hour (18a)
    - 2. How we know it is the last hour (18b-f)
      - a. The predicted antichrist is here (18b-d)
        - 1) Just like you heard antichrist is coming (18b-c)
          - a) And just as you heard (18b)
          - b) That an antichrist is coming (18c)
        - 2) And many antichrists exist even now (18d)
      - b. This is the proof it is the last hour (18e-f)
        - 1) For this reason, we are knowing (18e)
        - 2) That it is the last hour (18f)
  - B. The false teachers who left separated themselves from us, showing their true identity (19)
    - 1. They separated themselves from us (19a-b)
      - a. They went out from us (19a)
      - b. But they were not from us (19b)
    - 2. This is proof they were not truly a part of us (19c-g)
      - a. Pos: If they were with us, they would have stayed (19c-d)
        - 1) For if they were from us (19c)
        - 2) They would have remained with us (19d)
      - b. Neg: They showed they were not with us by leaving (19e-g)
        - 1) But [they left] (19e)
        - 2) Purpose: So that it would be clear that they are not a part of us (19f-g)
          - a) In order that it may be revealed (19f)
          - b) That all [of them] are not from us (19g)
- II. Therefore, faithful Christians are differentiated from antichrist (20-25)
  - A. Relation to truth differentiates faithful Christians from antichrist (20-23)
    - 1. Pos: You are on the side of the truth (20-21)
      - a. You have the ability and the knowledge (20)
        - 1) And you, you are having an endowment/anointing from the Holy One (20a)
        - 2) And all [of you], you are knowing (20b)

- b You have the truth in the Gospel (21)
  - 1) Neg: You don't lack the truth (21a-b)
    - a) I have not written to you (21a)
    - b) That you are not knowing the truth (21b)
  - 2) Pos: But you have the truth [in the true Gospel] (21c-e)
    - a) But [I have written] (21c)
    - b) That you know the truth, which is the opposite of falsehood (21d-e)
      - (1) That you are knowing it (21d)
      - (2) And that every falsehood is not from the truth (21e)
- 2. Neg: The liar/antichrist denies the truth (22-23)
  - a The liar/antichrist denies Jesus, and therefore denies the Father (22)
    - 1) The liar denies that Jesus is the Christ (22a-c)
      - a) Who is the liar? (22a)
      - b) The one denying that Jesus is the Christ (22b-c)
        - (1) Except the one denying (22b)
        - (2) That Jesus is the Christ (22c)
    - 2) The antichrist is the one denying both the Father and the Son (22d-e)
      - a) The antichrist is this one (22d)
      - b) The one denying the Father and the Son (22e)
  - b Reason: The Father is inseparable from the Son (23)
    - 1) Neg: To deny the Son is to deny the Father also (23a-b)
      - a) Every one denying the Son (23a)
      - b) Does not have the Father (23b)
    - 2) Pos: To confess the Son is to have the Father also (23c-d)
      - a) The one confessing the Son (23c)
      - b) Also has the Father (23d)
- B. Therefore, stay faithful to Gospel truth, which is a clear sign of life (24-25)
  - 1. Keep faithful to the Gospel truth (24)
    - a Let the Gospel truth, from the beginning remain in you (24a-b)
      - 1) That which you heard from the beginning (24a)
      - 2) Let it remain in you (24b)
    - b Reason: If the truth remains in you, you are remaining in God (24c-e)
      - 1) If the Gospel truth from the beginning is remaining in you (24c-d)
        - a) If it is remaining in you (24c)
        - b) That which you heard from the beginning (24d)
      - 2) You are remaining both in the Son and in the Father (24e)
  - 2. Reason: and the promise is this which He Himself promised to us – eternal Life (25)