

## The Antichrists that are Already Among Us

1 John 2:15-18  
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## The Flow of 1 John

- There is one true Jesus.
- True believers have fellowship with the real Jesus in the Gospel.
- True believers have a continued struggle with sin until glory.
- True believers love the brethren
- True believers have their sins forgiven and have overcome the evil one.

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## Reject the “Love of the World”

1 John 2:15  
Do not love the world nor the things in the world, If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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**The Sphere of the Evil One:  
“The World”**

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

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**The “Lusts and Pride” in Eden**

Genesis 3:4-6

The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

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**Turning from Lusts to Live Forever**

1 John 2:17

The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

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**The Antichrist and His Forerunners**

1 John 2:18

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.

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**The Mystery of Lawlessness is Already at Work**

2 Thessalonians 2:7-10

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

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**The "Last Days" are Here**

Acts 2:16-18 . . . but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.

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### **The “Last Days” are Here**

Acts 2:19-20

AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.

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### **#1 Humbly Seek the Will of God**

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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### **#2 Be On Guard Against Antichrists**

1 John 2:22

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.

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**#3 Cling to Your King**

1 Peter 2:24-25

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

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