



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion

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I John 2:18-29

¹⁸Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. ¹⁹They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. ²⁰But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.^[a] ²¹I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. ²²Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son. ²³No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. ²⁴See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is what he promised us—even eternal life. ²⁶I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. ²⁷As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in Him. ²⁸And now, dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at his coming. ²⁹If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him.

An antichrist is anyone who is against Christ and His message. It is a sign that the end is near. There is also a picture here that those that are truly children will not depart from their faith. If they were truly one of us, they would have remained. The anointing here refers to the Holy Spirit that is given to all believers. This Spirit is the Comforter that is promised to us. This is the One who Jesus spoke about when He said that it is better that I go away. As long as Jesus was with us, He was Immanuel which means God with us. The anointing means God in us. He shows us what is the truth. He teaches me truth about who God is. There will always be those who try to lead me away from His truth, but I can be confident that His Spirit that lives in me will guide me in the truth. So then, remaining in the truth shows that I am a true believer because His Spirit will guide me. There is great comfort in knowing that He is guiding me in truth and not up to me to find it. If I want to follow Him, He will make sure I know the way.

My former pastor used to say that those that want to be in God's will are in it. By ourselves, we would be lost. It is His responsibility to show us the correct way. He will not hide it from us. Therefore, how we live and the decisions we make reflect what or who we are trusting in.

Lord, You have promised that all I need to live for You is living in me. Lord, teach us to trust You more because I lack nothing.