

1Jn 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

2:20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

2:21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

2:23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

2:24 Therefore 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.

2:25 And this is the promise that He has promised us-eternal life.

2:26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.

2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

2:29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

From today's sermon.

Children, I write to you because of His name. I write to you because in His name many of your sins have been forgiven.

Fathers. I write to you because you have known Him who is from the beginning. O ye young men! I write to you because you have overcome the evil one.

An event occurred that broke the fellowship of the pure victory that is so highly proclaimed. That is the Antichrist.

This was an end-time event, an event that deeply divided "us" from "them."

They are all untruths, lies, unrealities, deceits, and counterfeits. There is no truth in them.

How can such a sect arise from among "us"? Have they strayed from the truth and will they not return? The word "we" is repeated four times. With such stubbornness and untruthfulness, I had no choice but to conclude that they had not been with us from the beginning.

A final, inexorable, and irremediable event. Sadness spreads over the Antichrist who denies, denies, denies Christ and God the Father. But you are anointed, filled with the Holy Spirit, and know the truth. You know, you know, and the word "know" is repeated three times. Thank you only for the protection of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

Last week, the following was spoken in a high tone in the following verses.

2:12 Children. I write to you because in His name many of your sins have been forgiven.

2:13 Fathers. I write to you because you have known Him who is from the beginning. 2:14 Young men, I write to you because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you because you have overcome the wicked.

It is a lofty proclamation, in which the children of the world who are not wise and powerless rejoice, and the fathers who are weary in the world and overcome in all things, look up to the Lord anew and are victorious with renewed strength, like the young men.

Thus began the Church, the fellowship of the Lord, through Jesus Christ, the atoning offering for sin.

But now is the time of the end. The Antichrist will come out of the precious, "our" Lord's fellowship. The time has come, the time of the end, and there is no more time left, the time of the end, and the emergence of the end-time situation.

The emergence of the Antichrist, and there will be many Antichrists, has been predicted for a long time. Jesus spoke of this in Matthew 24:4, "And he said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for I am the Lord your God.

Matthew 24:4 Then Jesus answered and said, "Take heed that no man deceive you.

24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ, and shall deceive many.

24:6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: beware, and be not rash: for it must come to pass. It must come to pass, but it is not yet finished.

24:7 And people shall rise up against people, and nation against nation. And there will be crises and earthquakes here and there.

24:8 But all this is the beginning of birth pangs.

24:9 Then people will afflict you and kill you. And you will be hated by all peoples because of my name.

24:10 Then shall many stumble, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

24:11 And many false prophets shall arise, deceiving many.

24:12 And iniquity will abound, and the love of many will grow cold.

24:13 But he that endureth unto the end shall be saved.

24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all peoples. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all peoples.

1 John 2:18 Children. Now is the time of the end. Just as you have long heard that the Antichrist is coming, so now many Antichrists have appeared. And you know that this is the time of the end.

And many antichrists have appeared. For it is the end time. When John wrote this letter, roughly 2000 years ago, there were already many false Christs at that time. But if that time was already the end time, how could 2000 years have passed since then? If we talk about the end times, the last times, but it has been 2000 years, how can we feel the tension of the end times?

Time of the end. I don't think it means the timing of the end, but rather the final, inevitable, irretrievable impasse, the dying state of things. I don't mean that the end will come soon because the timing is just a few days from the end there, but I think it means that we have been on the verge of dying, the worst of the worst, for 2,000 years, for as long as we have been in this state of dying that could end at any time.

That kind of finality, where the doom could come at any time. Miraculously, because of the Lord's patience, it has been going on for 2000 years.

2 Peter 3:7 But now heaven and earth are preserved by the same Word, and are kept intact until the day when unbelievers shall be judged and burned with fire on the day of their destruction.

3:8 Beloved, do not forget this one thing. Do not forget this one thing. For in the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like a day.

3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promises, as some people think. But He is long-suffering toward you, desiring that no one should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. In that day the heavens will disappear with a great noise, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and crushed, and the earth and all that is made upon it will be burned up.

3:11 For these things will fall away without notice; therefore, you who are eagerly awaiting the coming of the Day of God, do not be afraid, as long as you can, for the Day of God is near,

3:12 Be extremely careful to do pious deeds. For in that day the heavens will be burned up and the heavenly bodies will be consumed.

3:13 But we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness, according to the promise of God.

3:14 Beloved, we are waiting for the day when the heavens will be burned up, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up. 3:14 Therefore, you who are waiting for this day, be diligent to come into the presence of God, without spot or blemish, with a peaceful heart.

1 John 2:19 And they went out from us; but they did not belong to us. But they did not belong to us. If they had belonged, they would have stayed with us. But they went out so that it might be made clear to us that by nature they all do not belong to us.

In this verse 19, the phrase "from us" is repeated a total of four times.

So great was the fellowship of "from us. It was a wonderful fellowship in the Lord's redemption that could not be broken or torn asunder.

1:7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin and forgives our sins and purifies us from all unrighteousness because God is true and just.

The debt of gratitude and thanksgiving of this redemption by God's Son should have been incomparably greater than Israel's debt to the Lord God of the Exodus, who transmitted His work to their descendants. But the people turned away "from us.

They were so stubborn and unwilling to change their minds that we could only conclude that they had not been among us from the beginning. The end of "us" fellowship. The event of "they went out from us. There was a deep sadness here.

They no longer belonged to Christ. They had become the Antichrist. They had all things, but they had lost them.

Romans 8:31 What shall we say then concerning these things? If God is on our side, who can be against us?

8:32 He that spared not even His own Son, but delivered Him up to death for us all, how shall He not also the Son, and all things?

2:20 But ye are anointed with oil unto holiness, and ye all know it.

2:21 For I write not because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it; and ye know that all deceit is not from the truth.

The word "know" is repeated three times in verses 20 and 21. We know the truth by the Holy Spirit.

The word contrasted with this is false. It is a lie, an untruth, something that is not real, an imitation (imitation). It is empty, no matter how wonderful the image it conjures up. It cannot be relied upon. It is just an image, a false image. How empty we are if we let such things steal our lives and blind us to what we cannot rely on. But we are the ones who know the truth. And all falsehood does not come from truth. It has nothing to do with truth.

2:22 Who is he that is a liar? Is he not he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He that denieth the Father and the Son is the antichrist.

2:23 He that denieth the Son hath not the Father: but he that confesseth the Son also hath the Father.

The truth is only true if we affirm that Jesus is the Christ. One who denies it is a liar. They are liars and followers of unreal imitations. How can there be such an antichrist "from among us"? Is it to deny that Jesus is the Christ, to deny the Father and the Son, to deny the Son? Three times the word "deny" is mentioned, which also means to break off or reject.

He who denies and rejects the Son also rejects God the Father, and he who confesses the Son also has the Father and is united to God the Father.

What separates us from living in truth and in falsehood is the Holy Spirit. As it is written, "All of you know this because you have been anointed with the Holy One."

1 Corinthians 12:3 I say to you therefore, that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

2:24 Let what ye have heard from the beginning remain in you. 2:24 Let what you have heard from the beginning remain in you, and you will remain in the Son and in the Father.

2:25 This is the promise that he himself promised us, namely, eternal life. 2:26 I have written these things concerning those who deceive you; 2:27 And ye need not that any man teach you: for the oil which Christ hath given you abideth in you. 2:27 And ye need not that any man teach you: for the oil which ye have received of Christ is in you. This oil teaches you all things. 2:28 And he said unto them, Be ye therefore abiding in him, as the oil hath taught you: for it is the truth, and not a lie; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall be in you.

2:28 Therefore, children, abide in Christ. Remain in Christ. 2:28 Be ye therefore abiding in Christ, that ye may be confident of him when he shall appear, and that ye may not be ashamed of him at his coming.

2:29 And if you know his righteousness, you will know that everyone who does righteousness is born of him.

Let us desire to remain in Jesus. We want to live imitating (imitate) Jesus, keeping in mind the events of his birth on earth 2,000 years ago, his words and deeds as written in the Bible. It is the Holy Spirit who lives in us that makes us aware of this, teaches us the truth, makes us long for Christ Jesus, and makes us grow in His likeness. Those who follow this Holy Spirit and make Jesus their goal are those who are born of the truth and do the truth.

Ephesians 4:13 That we all may come to the unity of the faith in the Son of God and of the knowledge of him, that we may be complete, and come to the fullness of the virtue of Christ.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for today's worship. Thank you so much for protecting us in the truth and keeping us from going astray in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As time marches on toward the irrevocable end times, and the evil one plots to distract us from the truth, and approaches to deceive us with lies and untruths, please guide us this week so that we may always remain in the truth and realize the truth through the Holy Spirit. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.