

First John 2:18-21

- 1) Don't be surprised—2:18 ¹⁸ *Little children* [παιδίων],
 - a) Last hour—*it is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *the last* [ἔσχατος] *hour* [ώρα], (because the world is passing away—2:17)
 - The time between the two comings of Christ: the last **days** (Acts 2:17; 2nd Timothy 3:1; Hebrews 1:2; James 5:3; 2nd Peter 3:3); last **time** (1st Peter 1:5; Jude 1:18); last **times** (1st Peter 1:20); latter **times** (1st Timothy 4:1)
 - i) Many antichrists—*even now* [καί νῦν] *many* [πολύς] *anti-Christ* [ἀντίχριστος] *have come* [pf. act. ind. γίνομαι];
 - ii) One Antichrist—*just as* [καθώς] *you^{pl} heard* [aor. act. ind. ἀκούω] *that* [ὅτι] *the Anti-Christ* [ὁ ἀντίχριστος] *is coming* [pres. dep. ind. ἔρχομαι],
(1) Daniel 7:11-14, Mark 13:14-23; 2nd Thessalonians 2:3-4; Revelation 13, 19
 - b) Last hour—*for this reason* [ὅθεν] *we are knowing* [pres. act. ind. γινώσκω] *that* [ὅτι] *it is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *the last* [ἔσχατος] *hour* [ώρα].
 - i) What do antichrists teach?—2:22
- 2) Two additional truths concerning differing spiritual origins—2:19
 - a) What are the two truths?
 - i) Departure of some from Christians—¹⁹ *They* (the antichrists) *went out* [aor. act. ind. ἐξέρχομαι] **from** [ἐκ] **us** (emphatic)
 - ii) Different origin—*but* [ἀλλά] *they* (the antichrists) *were* [impf. act. ind. εἰμί] **not** (emphatic) *of* [ἐκ] *us*;
 - b) Why are these things so?
 - i) True Christians persevere because of a common origin—*because* [γάρ] ... *they* (the antichrists) *would have remained* [plupf. act. ind. μένω] *with* [μετά] *us*;
(1) *if* [εἰ] [1st class] *they* (the antichrists) *had been* [impf. act. ind. εἰμί] *of* [ἐκ] *us*,
 - ii) Departure unmasks a different origin—*but* [ἀλλά] *in order that* [ἵνα] *they* (the antichrists) *might be made evident* [aor. pass. subj. φανερόω] *that they* (the antichrists) *are* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *not, each one, of* [ἐκ] *us*.
 - c) The difference between being a family member and a friend of the family.
- 3) Resource # 1: the Holy Spirit—2:20
 - a) Christ's provision—²⁰ *But* [καί] **you^{pl}** (emphatic) *are having* [pres. act. ind. ἔχω] *an anointing* [χρῖσμα] *from* [ἀπό] *the Holy One* [ἅγιος],
 - i) John 20:21; 1st John 4:17
 - b) Common knowledge—*and you^{pl} all know* [pf. act. ind. εἰδῶ].
- 4) Resource # 2: knowledge of the truth—2:21
 - a) Negatively—²¹ *I have not written* [aor. act. ind. γράφω] *to you^{pl} because* [ὅτι] *you^{pl} do not know* [pf. act. ind. εἰδῶ] *the truth* [ἀλήθεια],
 - b) Positively—*but* [ἀλλά] ...
 - i) Truth about Jesus is known because of the Holy Spirit—*because* [ὅτι] *you^{pl} know* [pf. act. ind. εἰδῶ] *it*,
 - ii) Lies about Jesus have a different origin—*and* [καί] *because* [ὅτι] *every lie* [ψευδος] *is* [pres. act. ind. εἰμί] *not of* [ἐκ] *the truth* [ἀλήθεια].