

Worship Guide: Sermon Notes & Discussion for 9/20/20

SERMON NOTES:

1 John 2:18-27

"Overcoming the Antichrists"

BACKGROUND of 1 John

- Author: John (beloved disciple of Jesus)
- Date: 75-85 AD
- Recipients: Christians/churches in Ephesus
- Occasion: Gnostic threat that caused division in the church and concussion about the sufficiency and security of the believer's salvation.
- Basics of Gnosticism: all physical matter is corrupt/evil; salvation comes through special "secret" knowledge available only to the elite chosen few.

I. Recognize the antichrists for who they are (vs. 18-19, 22)

II. Rely on God's Gifts of the Holy Spirit and His Word (vs. 20-21, 23-24, 27)

III. Remain in Him and rest in His promise (vs. 26-27)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD:

Please text Pastor Andy at 405-309-9513 to visit with him about:

- Become a follower of Jesus
- Become a member of FBCC
- Be baptized
- Questions you have about today's message.

****NOTE**:** Please include your name in the text so Pastor Andy will know who you are.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS:

- 1) What does John mean when he says that the last hour has come?
- 2) Who are the antichrists that John warns us about?
- 3) What do these antichrists do that threatens the church? Should we be afraid of them?
- 4) Why don't the antichrists remain in the church? Why do true believers? What does the doctrine of the "perseverance of the saints" mean? How can this doctrine be abused? How does it bring us comfort and hope?
- 5) What is the key doctrinal way we can identify the antichrists?
- 6) What are the 2 gifts God gives us to fight against the lies of the antichrists? How does this passage shatter the myth that "only the professionals" can truly understand the meaning of the Bible? Are you committed to reading God's Word every day?
- 7) What's the most helpful, comforting, or convicting truth you learned from this scripture passage?
- 8) How can this group best pray for you right now?