



## DISCERNING THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST

**1 John 2:18-27; 4:1-6**

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**BIG IDEA:** True believers discern and reject the spirit of the antichrist. Instead, they yield to the leading of the Spirit of Christ.

### **You don't have to be deceived!**

**1 John 2:26-27; 20-21**

<sup>26</sup> I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. <sup>27</sup> But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

<sup>20</sup> But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. <sup>21</sup> I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

### **As the end times approach, many antichrists will rise up.**

**1 John 2:18-19; 22-23**

<sup>18</sup> Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.

<sup>19</sup> 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 it might become plain that they all are not of us. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

### **Be discerning: Test the spirits and overcome! 1 John 4:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

**For next Sunday, read 1 John 3:1-10**

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### **1 John 4:4-5**

We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

### **1 John 4:6**

But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

### **1 John 2:27**

