



# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: June 12, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read 1 John 2:18-27 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Antichrist has only a period of time. When is that time? How does this truth encourage you toward faithfulness?
- 5) Why is it important to remember that Antichrist is both a principle and a person? How can we identify the principle around us? \*
- 6) What are the dangers of too much speculation about the person John identifies as "Antichrist"? How can we keep a biblical perspective on looking out for this person?
- 7) Why don't antichrists remain in the fellowship of the church? Why do true believers remain in the fellowship?
- 8) Doctrinally, how can we identify the spirit of antichrist?
- 9) Using the Christological test, how do we identify true believers? What have been some heretical answers throughout Church history?
- 10) Why is it important to expose false teachers in the church? What is the best way to do this?
- 11) How can we use both Word and Spirit in the fight against the spirit of antichrist?
- 12) What is the role of human teachers in the church, since all believers have been given the Spirit of God?

13) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

\* "In 1 John 4:3 the apostle speaks of "the spirit of the antichrist." In our text in 2:22, he makes plain what the spirit of antichrist is all about: they are liars who deny "that Jesus is the Messiah." And their strategy is deceptive and seductive. They do not directly oppose Jesus Christ. They redefine Him. They re-imagine Him. "He is good," they say, "but He is not God." "He may be a son of God like we can be sons and daughters of God," they teach, "but He is not *the* Son of God." "He may have died on the cross as a martyr," they affirm, "but He did not die as a Savior." The spirit of antichrist always diminishes the person and work of Christ. It chips away at His deity and rejects His work of atonement. The antichrist spirit thinks and then teaches incorrectly concerning *who* Jesus Christ is and *what* Jesus Christ has done." (Daniel L. Akin, [\*Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John\*](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014), 1 Jn 2:18.)

\*\* Some of these questions taken from, Daniel L. Akin, [\*Exalting Jesus in 1,2,3 John\*](#) (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014).