

# “THREE CONTROVERSIAL DOCTRINES”

## 1 JOHN 2:18-27

### 1. THE LAST HOUR. *Vs. 18*

Time was divided, by the Jew, into two ages. The present age, which preceded the coming of Messiah, and the “**last time**” or “**Day of the Lord,**” which would be ushered in with the coming of the Messiah. There is no “**THE**” in the Original text. We should simply say “**last hour**” or “**a last hour.**” One of the *acid tests* of our salvation is knowing “**last hour.**” Two others are listed in *1 John 2:3,5*. The term “**last hour**” and “**last days**” are used interchangeably as seen in *Acts 2:16ff*. The chief topic between the testaments was “**last hour.**” See *Heb. 1:1-2; Luke 24:44-47*. It has been five minutes until midnight since Pentecost. (*2 Tim. 3:1; 1 John 2:15-17*).

### 2. THE ANTICHRIST. *Vs. 18-22*

The word **antichrist** only appears in *First and Second John* and it does so five times. Please see that it is mentioned in *1 John 2:18,22* as well as in *1 John 4:3* and *2 John 7*. **Antichrist** is proof that Christ has come and therefore it is last hour. If **antichrist** is here, then Christ is here. The advent of Christ signals the beginning of **antichrist**, not the end. Messianic Age is not an age without opposition (the lion lying down with the lamb). Rather, it is one of war. **The antichrist** (antichristos) is not only in opposition to Christ, but is a substitute christ. No where in the bible does “**the man of sin**” in *2 Thess. 2:3* and “**the beast**” of *Rev. 13* find connection with “**the antichrist.**” Notice the “**many antichrists**” of vs. 18. **Antichrist** is the subtle but deadly denial of the deity of our Lord by those who claim to follow Him. Notice “**all are not of us**” (apostates) in vs. 19. The presence of a **false teacher** (vs. 22) in the assembly does not make him a Christian. False teachers do not cause intellectual wondering; they cause men to go to hell. These false teachers said that they were latter day apostles preaching a fuller Jesus. A **Gnostic** (knowing one) or **Docetic** {to seem, think, suppose, or appear [**Greek Dualism** (physical or invisable)]} in or out of the church is not a real Christian. To deny that Jesus is God is to disbelieve that Jesus is the Christ and will place oneself in jeopardy of hell.

### 3. THE ANOINTING (christma or anointing of believers).

*Vs. 20,27*

The most prominent concept of the church is that she is the continuing presence of Christ. *Eph. 1:23; Col. 1:24,27*. Jesus is the **Christmos** and the church is the **Christma**. As those who are anointed, we are to continue that which “*Jesus began, both to do and to teach.*” We have the **Apostolic Message** (anointing) and we are to take it to the ends of the earth. (*Matt. 28:18-20*) Notice the “**it**” in vs. 27 which is neuter tense. The Holy Spirit is always in the masculine tense. “**It**” is the **message** not supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit.