

Questions

1. What's an example of a secondary matter on which Christians may disagree but may still be able to worship together?
2. How should believers engage with those who "went out from us" because they were not of us (2:19)? Are you praying for someone who once professed faith but no longer does?
3. What are some of the essential truths that the New Testament teaches about the identity of Jesus Christ?
4. What does it say about your identity as a believer in Jesus Christ who has been anointed by the Holy One? What does that mean you have in Christ?
5. The Holy Spirit gives understanding (illumination) to believers as they meditate on God's Word. How regular is your study of God's Word? How are you seeking to dig into it and grow in your understanding of His truth?
6. In light of the gospel that we have known since our salvation and the presence of the Holy Spirit, who we have had since we were saved, what does John say we are to do (2:28)? How are you abiding in Christ and in His truth?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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A Sermon Series on 1 John

ASSURANCE

Many Deceivers

1 John 2:18-28

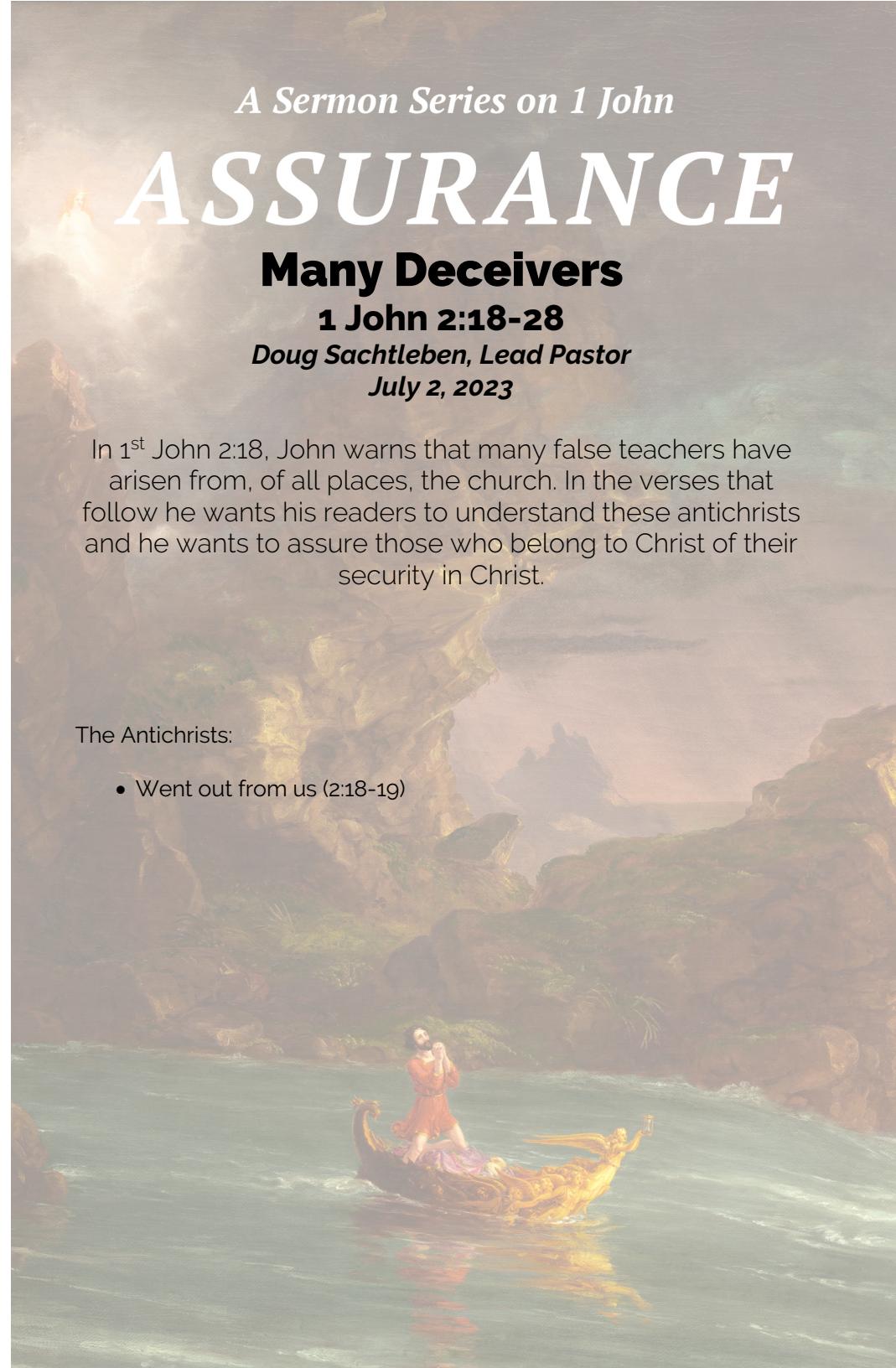
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In 1st John 2:18, John warns that many false teachers have arisen from, of all places, the church. In the verses that follow he wants his readers to understand these antichrists and he wants to assure those who belong to Christ of their security in Christ.

The Antichrists:

- Went out from us (2:18-19)



- Denied that Jesus is the Christ and were not connected to Jesus or the Father (2:22-23)

- Were lost and without eternal life (2:24-25)

- Were not of us (2:19)

The Assured Ones:

- Have been anointed by the Holy One (2:20-21, 26-27)
Note John's use of *chrisma* (an anointing), while pointing out the importance of the identity of the *Christos* (Christ – anointed one).

- Must continue to walk as they have been taught and empowered to walk (2:28).