

Living in the Last Hour

Antichrist or Anointing

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Series: Prove It!

Scripture: 1 John 2:18–27

Synopsis: We live in a world that is desperately trying to deny that Jesus is the Christ. But we have the anointing of the Spirit of Christ that teaches us and guides us from the inside.

“If we are going to prove out our salvation, it is not enough for a believer to walk in the light and walk in love. He must also walk in the truth.”

“It makes no difference what you believe as long as you are sincere in your belief.”

Romans 10:1–4 ESV

¹ Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

1 John 2:18–19 ESV

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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.

The last hour is determined by God’s completed work of salvation.

Antichrist denies Jesus as the Christ.

1 John 2:22–23 ESV

²² 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. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

1 John 2:19 ESV

¹⁹ 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.

Jesus is the Christ. The Son of the living God.

John 10:30 ESV

³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

John 17:20–21 ESV

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

“Our oneness with the Father and with his Son is the greatest proof that Jesus is the Christ.”

We have knowledge of Christ through the anointing of the Spirit.

1 John 2:20–21 ESV

²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹ 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.

John 15:26 ESV

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

John 16:13–14 ESV

¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

1 John 2:26–27 ESV

²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ 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.

“The key to our witness is abiding in our anointing of the Holy Spirit.”

How do we prove our salvation to those around us?

- Let the Spirit guide you in the truth of your oneness with God.
- Boldly proclaim your relationship with God through the power of the Spirit with which you have been anointed.