CHARACTERISTICS OF ANTICHRISTS

1. They Depart From the Fellowship (2:19)

- 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 they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. (1Jn.2:19)
 - ♦ They left the church because they were never saved.
 - ♦ You stay because God protects you since you are one of His own.

2. They Deny the Faith (2:22-23)

- Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

 23Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

 (1Jn.2:22-23)
 - ♦ The Make-believer has a wrong view of Christ.
 - ♦ True Christians have the right view of Christ as Man, God, Lord, and Savior.

3. They Try To Deceive the Faithful (2:26)

- These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. (1Jn.2:26)
 - ♦ The Make-believer will try to deceive the faithful.
 - ♦ A true believer, even under the onslaught of false teachers, will not deny Christ.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRISTIANS

1. They Are Not Deceived (2:20)

- All But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. (1Jn.2:20)
 - ♦ Believers persevere in the truth because the truth is in them.

2. They Accept The Faith (2:20)

- All But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. (1Jn.2:20)
 - ♦ John is telling believers "YOU" are in the 'know,' and YOU have the 'anointing,' not them.

3. They Abide Faithful (2:27)

- But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him (1Jn.2:27)
 - ♦ The "anointing" you received remains in you, so you cannot defect (1Jn.3:9).

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