

# Sermon Supplement from February 18

Possessor Or Professer of True Fellowship | 1 John 2:18-23

## Warm Up

- Why do you think it is so common for people to wonder if they are truly saved or not? Is this good or bad, and why?
- If you have seen people leave the church for a reason other than moving, why did they leave? Do you think this is a reason for leaving?

## Dig In

*Read 1 John 2:18-23*

- In verse 18 John tells his readers it is the last hour. What does this mean? What evidence does he give? What evidence might you give?
- In verse 19 he says that they went out of the church because they were never saved. What might be some of the reasons that we are reluctant to say that people might not be saved even though they are no longer attending church?
- According to John, why was it a good thing that those people left the church?
- What are some of the right and wrong reasons people give for assurance of salvation?
- In verses 20-21 John lets his readers know they are different than those who left. Why are they different?
- Verses 22-23 describe the reason those people left. In your own words, why did they leave?
- What are some of the similarities between an antichrist and Satan? Why do you think this is important to understand?

## Wrap Up

- What needs to change in your life given that it is the last hour?
- Share with someone the reasons you would give for your assurance of salvation.
- What would you say to encourage someone struggling with eternal security?
- Are there some teachers you have been listening to that you feel have not been quite right in their doctrine? Who could you talk to about your concerns?

*Next Week's Sermon: 1 John 2:24-29*

- *Read the text several times in multiple translations.*
- *Read the text in the context of the verses around it.*
- *Read study Bible notes or a commentary on the passage.*
- *Write down what you think is the big idea of the passage.*
- *Write down a few personal applications.*