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“Little children” - a term of endearment; it expresses God’s (via John’s) love, care, and concern for believers.

“The last time” - the final hour (John speaks metaphorically, expressing the fact that we are living in the End Times).

If John considered his days as “the last hour” before Christ’s return, how much more are we living in the “last hour”! However, “one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” (II Pet. 3:8)

“Antichrist shall come” - lit. “the antichrist” (the definite article in the T.R. Greek points to a specific individual).

“Shall come” - A future tense emphasis - “He is on his way” is the idea of the present middle indicative.

The Antichrist is not the devil; he will be a man who is empowered and enthroned by the devil.

Characteristics of the Antichrist

He will be:

1. **A fearsome leader** (v. 20). "More stout" = more imposing or fearsome. Antichrist will impress the godless world by his clout, power, personality, and boastful mouth.

2. **A cruel persecutor** (v. 21) - He will war against the saints (Jew & Christian) during the second half the Tribulation (cp. v. 25; Rev. 13:7, 12:11-13)

3. **An arrogant blasphemer** (v. 25 - He will talk about God with contempt and set himself up as God) -
   See Daniel 11:36

4. **A powerful despot** (v. 25 - He will attempt to change that which only God has the right to change).
   He will rule globally for 3-1/2 years.

5. **A military-obsessed idolater** (Dan. 11:37-38)

6. **A Satanic deceiver** (II Thes. 2:9; Rev. 13:3, 4)

7. **A man of lawlessness** (II Th. 2:3)

THE ANTICHRIST

Antichrist signs a 7 Year peace treaty ("covenant") (Dan.9:27; cp.Rev.6:2)

The "Harlot" (a false Romanist church-state religious system) will ride the Antichrist (the "Beast"). She uses him to gain global power (Rev.17:3)

Antichrist engages in battle & receives a fatal wound (Dan.11:44-45; Rev.13:3)

Antichrist's deadly wound is healed (He apparently is resurrected) (Rev.11:7; 13:3,12,14; 17:8)

Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel (Dan.9:27)

Antichrist desecrates the Holy Place(the Temple) (Dan.9:27; Mt.24:15)

-By setting Himself up as "God" (II Th.2:4)

-By erecting an Image in His honor in the Temple (Rev.13:14-15)

Antichrist is worshipped (Rev.13:4,12)

Antichrist performs false miracles (II Th.2:9)

Antichrist enforces his mark (666) on all people (13:16-18)

Antichrist persecutes the Jews & saints (Rev.13:7; Dan.7:25)

The 10 Kings who will give global authority to Antichrist will destroy the "Harlot" and turn all world power over to him. (Rev.17:11-18)

The Antichrist will continue for 42 months (Rev.13:5-6) or "a time (1), times (2), and dividing of time (1/2)" (Dan.7:25) = **3 1/2 years**

Antichrist will attempt to fight against Christ at Armageddon.(Rev.19:19)

Antichrist is destroyed & thrown alive into the Lake of Fire (II Th.2:8; Rev.19:20)

The word “antichrist” has two ideas:

1. One who <u>opposes</u> Christ
   (“anti” - against [EX: antifreeze, anti-nomian, etc.])

2. One who comes <u>instead of</u> Christ
   (“anti” - in the place of)

In this context, John uses the term to describe someone who is <u>against</u> (in opposition to) Christ (v. 22).

An antichrist (in this context) is one who rejects Jesus as <u>Messiah</u> and as God’s <u>Son</u> (v. 22-23).

Since the presence of many antichrists is a mark of the Last Days (Mt. 24:23-24) prior to the Lord's return, the plethora of antichrists in John's day gave indication that he was (as we are) living in the last hour.

The key distinguishing feature of the Last Days will be the enormity of deception and the great quantity of deceivers.
(I Tim. 4:1ff)

Mt. 24:24 - "For there shall arise false Christ's, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

v. 20

"But" - in contrast to the defectors (v. 19).

"Ye have an unction" - you have a spiritual anointing

"Unction" - (*chrisma* from *chrio*) to anoint. In the LXX Old Testament it was used of a mixture of oil and aromatic herbs which would be poured on the head of prophets (I Ki. 19:16), priests (Ex. 28:41; 29:7), and kings (I Sam. 10:1).

In the New Testament, the term refers to a spiritual anointing which comes from God upon all who are in Christ (II Cor. 1:21).

"That believers have 'an anointing from the Holy One' indicates that this anointing renders them holy, separating them to God. The passage teaches that the gift of the Holy Spirit is the all-efficient means of enabling believers to possess a knowledge of the truth." (Vine, p. 28-29)

The anointing John speaks of here is not limited to some believers but is given (by grace) to all. This anointing comes from God, via the Holy Spirit, who enters your life upon belief (Acts 2:38-39) and baptizes you into the body of Christ (II Cor. 12:13).

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"They went out" - active voice - they of their own volition went out.

--They left us, but didn't belong to us (they were not part of us [Christ's body] because they were never part of Christ).
"Continued with us" - a mark of a true child of God is his relentless desire to remain in fellowship with other believers.

One who abhors the house of God manifests that he is not part of the family of God.

"Manifest" - Many (for a time) slide into a fellowship of believers at a local church, appear to be saved, go through the motions of Christianity, only to later defect (never to be seen or heard from again) – and thereby reveal (out in the open) that they were never truly one with us in Christ.

These heretics did <u>not</u> merely go out from one church into another, but as Judas Iscariot, they defected altogether (Hiebert, p. 110).

"Their departure proved that they had a different spiritual origin; they belonged to another camp." (Hiebert, p. 111).

The defection of the heretics (no doubt) had the effect of <u>purifying</u> the church (Hiebert, p. 111).

II. God's Anointing of the Holy Spirit empowers you to:
Remain in the FAITH (V.20B-27)
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A. The Anointing gives you the power to KNOW God's Truth (v.20b-23)

v. 20

"Ye know all things" - those who have the anointing of the Spirit know the truth; they hear Christ's voice (Jn. 10:27) as He speaks via the Scriptures.

Since you have the resident truth teacher indwelling you, you have a knowledge of spiritual reality that eludes the grasp of the lost, blinded world.

"The Greek word "know" (*oidate)* suggests that the reference is not to studiously acquired knowledge but to an inner Spirit-imparted knowledge" (Hiebert, p. 114).

"Know" - (*oidate)* - not to gradually come to know (*ginosko)* but to fully know.

The differences between ginosko (No. 1) and oida demand consideration: (a) ginosko, frequently suggests inception or progress in "knowledge," while oida suggests fullness of "knowledge," e. g., <John 8:55>, "ye have not known Him" (ginosko), i. e., begun to "know," "but I know Him" (oida), i. e., "know Him perfectly"; <13:7>, "What I do thou knowest not now," i. e. Peter did not yet perceive (oida) its significance, "but thou shalt understand," i. e., "get to know (ginosko), hereafter"; <14:7>, "If ye had known Me" (ginosko), i. e., "had definitely come to know Me," "ye would have known My Father also" (oida), i. e., "would have had perception of": "from henceforth ye know Him" (ginosko), i. e., having unconsciously been coming to the Father, as the One who was in Him, they would now consciously be in the constant and progressive experience of "knowing" Him; in <Mark 4:13>, "Know ye not (oida) this parable? and how shall ye know (ginosko) all the parables?" (RV), i. e., "Do ye not understand this parable? How shall ye come to perceive all..." the intimation being that the first parable is a leading and testing one; (b) while ginosko frequently implies an active relation between the one who "knows" and the person or thing "known" (see No. 1, above), oida expresses the fact that the object has simply come within the scope of the "knower's" perception; thus in <Matt. 7:23> "I never knew you" (ginosko) suggests "I have never been in approving connection with you," whereas in <25:12>, "I know you not" (oida) suggests "you stand in no relation to Me."
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If I could somehow crawl into your brain, I could teach you what I have learned.

However, an infinitely greater Teacher has entered your life; therefore you have "the mind of Christ" (I Cor. 1:16). SEE: I Cor. 1:9-16.

After I came to know Jesus Christ as my personal Savior in 1976 (even before I was taught the Bible), I had an awareness of truth which I had no human way of knowing apart from God's Spirit entering my life. When I would read the Bible, I would see truths that somehow (in a sense) I knew already. I had an anointing which enabled me to grasp Bible principles and precepts.

Have you ever wondered why truths so clear and plain to you are so perplexing and distant from the minds of some unbeliever you are talking to? It's because they don't have the anointing.

v. 21
John did not write this epistle so that we would come to learn "the truth" (about Christ - v. 22-23), but that the truth (about Christ) which is already resident in us (by means of the indwelling Spirit of Christ) might be confirmed to us.

"No lie is of the truth" - Nothing false can come from truth; no untruth can come from truth.

Either something is truth or it is a lie (there are no in-betweens). If truth is tainted with lies, it is no more the truth.

v. 22
There is an Old Testament connection between Christ as the Messiah and Christ as the Son of God (deity). You can't have one without the other (cp. the Messianic Psalm 2 where God's "Anointed" (Christ) (v. 2) is repeatedly called "the Son" (v. 7, 12).)

Anyone who denies that Jesus is the Messiah is a liar, an antichrist, and does not have God the Father in his life (v. 23).

v. 23
You can't have the Father without believing in the Son (because of the Son's eternal and essential oneness with the Father).

"I and my Father are one." (Jn. 10:30).
"He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9).
"And he that seeth me seeth Him that sent me" (Jn. 12:45).

B. The Anointing gives you the power to <u>RETAIN</u> God's Truth (v.24-26)

v. 24

If the truth about Christ abides (remains) in you, you will also remain in relationship with Christ and the Father (if the truth doesn't remain in you, it is because you were never really saved to begin with [You never received the unction from the Holy Spirit]).

v. 25

For those who continue (remain) in the faith, God promises eternal life. (The defectors manifest that they were rejecters of the truth and they have <u>no</u> eternal life, but only the wrath of God - John 3:36).

The phrase "eternal life" and "life eternal" occurs 30 times in the Bible; "everlasting life" occurs 11 times.

Promises of "Eternal Life":

Mr 10:30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.
Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.
Joh 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.
Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.
Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
Ac 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.
Ro 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.
Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;
Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
1Jo 5:11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1Jo 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
1Jo 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

“Life Eternal”:
Mt 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.
Joh 12:25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

“Everlasting Life”:
Da 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
Mt 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.
Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
Joh 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.
Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.
Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Ro 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

"Seduce" - "to attempt to lead away."
Why would anyone seek to lead you away from Christ?
Because they are antichrists, bound and blinded by sin and Satan, and they (like their master) hate the truth about the person and work of Jesus Christ.

C. The Anointing gives you the power to <u>LEARN</u> God's Truth (v.27)

To understand what v. 27 is saying, substitute the word "Spirit" in the place of "anointing" and the pronoun "it."

"Anointing" - same Greek word as "unction" in v. 20.

More truths about the Spirit's anointing: the Spirit's anointing is:

1. <u>Personal</u> ("<u>ye</u> have received")

2. A <u>past</u>, <u>completed</u> <u>reality</u> ("received" - Aorist, indicative)
   (It's not a process)

3. <u>Passively</u> received from God ("of Him")

4. <u>Permanent</u> ("abideth in you")
   (It's not a temporary illumination)

5. <u>Pedagogical</u> ("teacheth you")

"Teacheth" - present tense; the Holy Spirit <u>is</u> (right now) teaching us as believers.

He has both "taught" you in the past and "teacheth" you in the present.

The real teacher is the <u>Holy Spirit</u> (the Holy Spirit who teaches for your "one Master" - Christ - Mt. 23:10).

To the degree that a man of God is faithful to God's Word will determine the degree to which the Holy Spirit teaches through that man.

The teaching the Spirit gives is <u>free</u> (no tuition), <u>easy</u> (no books needed), and <u>direct</u> (no professors with Ph.D's needed).

John is not denying the need for Bible teachers and preachers.

--Such are a gift from Christ (Eph. 4:11-12)

--Such are used by Christ (Mt. 28:19-20)

--Such are to be heard and heeded as they impart God's Word (Heb. 13:17; II Tim. 4:2; Heb. 10:25; I Th. 5:20).

What John is saying in context is that you don't need a teacher to teach you how to distinguish truth from lies (truth from error).

The Spirit only teaches truth (Jn. 16:13) and He often does this through human instruments (Eph. 4:11-14) (Ryrie note).

However, the ability to distinguish truth from error is an ability you all have if you have the anointing.

Just as He remains in you (continually teaching you), you will (indicative mood) remain in Him.

[**"Remain" -** *menete* - can be translated as an imperative or indicative; context and theology support the indicative here.]

If the words "shall abide" are an imperative, it refers to our remaining as a teachable pupil of the Spirit and not to our remaining in relationship to the Spirit.

Conclusion: