

Clarified

1 John 2:18-27

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There are certain things we need to be certain about when it comes to being followers of Jesus and John clarifies five of the issues we all face.

- I. The end will come (18a)
 - A. The “last hour” commenced with the incarnation of Christ
 1. That is why Satan tried to have him killed by King Herod
 2. That is why Satan tempted Him to sin and thus fail
 3. That is why Satan worked to have him crucified
 - B. The “last hour” was confirmed at the resurrection of Christ
 1. When Jesus rose, Satan lost
 2. When Satan lost, he got mad
 3. When Satan gets mad, Christians suffer
 - C. The “last hour” was clarified at the ascension of Christ (Acts 1:9-11)
 - D. The “last hour” will conclude with the return of Christ
- II. The enemy will fight (18b)
 - A. Antichrist(s) can mean “against” Christ
 - B. Antichrist(s) can mean “in place” of Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4)
- III. The imposters will leave (19)
 - A. This happened in Jesus’s day after he fed the 5,000 (John 6:60-69)
 - B. This happened in Jesus’s day after the triumphal entry (John 12:2-19)
 - C. This is happening in our day and seems to be increasing
- IV. The truth will win (20-24)
- V. The promise will happen (25-27)

Just to be Clear!

- As followers of Jesus we do not need to fear the end of the world since it is part of God’s plan. (2 Peter 3:10-13)
- As followers of Jesus we know that Satan is working against anything and everything about us. (1 Peter 5:8-9)
- As followers of Jesus we must understand that there will be those who just don’t understand. (1 Peter 2:4-10)
- As followers of Jesus we should stand firm because in the end God’s Word will be proven true. (1 Peter 4:12-17)

Being Smart ≠ Being Right

Being Sincere ≠ Being Right

Being Right = Being Right