

Sermon Notes

Remain in the real Jesus

1 John 2:15-27

Intro: who left whom? And isn't it a bit unchristian to pick sides?

1. Which will it be: love of the Father or love of the passing 'world'?

(2:15-17)

2. Because in the last days there are many "antichrists" in the world...

(2:18-19, 22-23)

- ...who leave the apostles' teaching for the world (19) [cf. 4:1-6]
- ...who deny Jesus is the Christ (22)
- ...who are trying to deceive you (26)
- ...some of whom you know personally (19, 26)

3. ...but don't be deceived, stay exactly where you are, abiding in the eyewitness message about Jesus, and so abiding in God himself

(2:20-21, 23-27)

- Be reassured: you really do have the Holy Spirit (20)
 - Be reassured: you really do know the truth (21)
 - Be reassured: you really do know the Father (23)
 - Be reassured: you really do have the promise of eternal life (25)
 - Be reassured: you really do have the new covenant blessing (27)
- (cf. Jeremiah 31:31-34)