

WE PERSEVERE IN THE FAITH

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Sermon Theme: False teachers openly oppose Christ's divinity and flee the church. In contrast, true Christians resist these errors and cling to the truth of God's Word. Therefore, true believers persevere in the faith by having doctrinal clarity, abiding in Him, and clinging to God's promise of eternal life.

I. Absence of Perseverance – Read 1 John 2:18-19,23

- A. What observations do you make about the antichrists?

- B. What does John mean when he says, “It is the last hour”? According to verses 18-19, how do we know it is the last hour?

- C. Read 1 John 2:18-19. What are the two defining characteristics of the antichrists? What does it mean to deny God and Christ? Why is this so problematic?

- D. We are clearly living in the “last hour.” How should this change the way that we live our lives?

II. Display of Perseverance – Read 1 John 2:20-25

- A. How would you interpret verse 20? What does it mean to be “anointed by the Holy One”?

- B. Read 1 John 2:23-24. What does it mean to persevere in the faith? What is the relationship between doctrinal clarity and perseverance?

- C. Read 1 John 2:25. According to John, what is the result of perseverance? How is it encouraging to know that God provides salvation, preserves us, and promises eternal life?

- D. How would you like to grow in your knowledge of God? What might being a preserver and protector of God's Word look like?

III. Result of Perseverance - Application

- A. How should assurance of salvation shape how we live and love to the glory of God?

- B. Read 1 John 3:1-3. How does the hope of glory help us fight for truth and actively abide in Christ today? Why are we often slow to recall the promise of beholding the Lord Jesus in glory?