

# The Letters of John



Class 4 – I John 2:18f

# IT IS THE LAST HOUR...

**Hour = any definite time, point of time, moment**

And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough; the **hour** is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. (Mk 14:41)

For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same **hour** what you ought to say (Lk 12:12)

the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an **hour** he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. (Lk 12:46)

And he sent forth his servant at **supper time** to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. (Lk 14:17)

Jesus says unto her, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine **hour** has not yet come." (Jhn 2:4)

And this, knowing the season, that already it is **time** for you to awake out of sleep: for now is salvation nearer to us than when we *first* believed. (Rom 13:11)

**'HOUR' can be a literal hour, a moment in time, a regular season, or even  
an entire age.**

# IT IS THE LAST HOUR...



ADAMIC AGE  
(PRE-FLOOD)



PATRIARCHAL  
AGE



JEWISH AGE



CHRISTIAN  
AGE

Since we are in the **CHRIST**-ian age, it shouldn't be surprising that there are people opposed to Christ and denying He came.



# YOU HAVE AN ANOINTING

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. In the Sept., it is used of the oil for "anointing" the high priest, e.g., Ex. 29:7;30:25, etc. (VINE'S)

Anointing was how **priests** were inaugurated  
(Ex 40:13,15)

Anointing was how **kings** were inaugurated  
(1 Sam 9:16; 10:1)

Anointing was how some **prophets** were inaugurated  
(1 Kgs 19:16)

Anointing was often associated with receiving gifts from the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38, 2 Cor 1:21)

In this case, the anointing John is talking about is the gifts of the Holy Spirit that the early Christians received through the apostles' hands (Acts 8:18)



# YOU HAVE AN ANOINTING

THE FATHER

SENT

THE SON

SENT

THE HOLY SPIRIT

ANOINTED

APOSTLES AND  
PROPHETS

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the one who sent Me.  
(Jhn 13:20)

“the one who denies the Father and the Son” (vs. 22)

“if what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father” (vs. 24)

Not only do you abide in Christ, but you are a child of God!

John is teaching one thing – if you have God’s Word, you don’t need any other.

# WHY SHOULDN'T CHRISTIANS SIN?

1. Because children **emulate** their parents. (vs 1-2)
2. Because of our **hope** of heaven. (vs 2-3 see also Php 3:21)
3. Because habitual sin is a life of **rebellion**. (vs 4)
4. Because Jesus died to **remove** sins. (vs 5)
5. Because habitual sin **blinds** us to Christ. (vs 6-8)
6. Because the goal of knowledge is to plant **a seed** that will **grow**. (vs 9)
7. Because our character is built around our Father and **forbids** us from such behavior. (vs 9)