



Series: The DNA of a Relationship with Jesus

Passage: 1 John 2:18-3:3

Title: The Father's Love

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Discussion Starter – What were some of the most impactful examples you remember from this message about the Father's Love for you?

God's Warning Concerning the Anti-Christs - (1 John 2:18-27)

- What did John mean when he said "it is the last hour"?
- How does the coming of the Antichrist indicate that we are living in the last hour?
- Who are the antichrists that were present in John's time and who are currently with us now? Read Matthew 24:23-24. What additional insights are gained from this passage of scripture?
- Where did many of these antichrists come from according to verse 19?
- How does the Father's love protect us from being deceived by these antichrists and what must we do to insure that we remain protected? Read Galatians 1:6-9. What are some examples of perverted gospels that are preached today?
- There are many counterfeit cults and religions out there today. Many of them use the name of Jesus but do not adhere to the gospel truths that are revealed here in this passage by John. What are these truths that he mentions here?
- How does God shepherd us by anointing us and equipping us in all truth? What does this mean?
- What type of teaching is John referring to when he says that this anointing is sufficient that we do not need anyone to teach us? What are some examples of this teaching you can provide?
- Describe in your own words what it means to abide in Christ. What does the Father promise to those who abide in Christ?

Children of God - (1 John 2:28-3:3)

- What does it mean to be a Child of God? What are some of the character traits that we should inherit if we are truly a Child of God? What does it mean to practice righteousness?
- When we become a Child of God what happens to our standing in the world? Why do you think John mentions this?
- Read Ephesians 2:1-3 and Galatians 3:26-29. How do these verses impact us as Christians living in the world in which we are no longer claiming to be citizens? How should we approach those who are not children of God? How do we express the hope that is in us to them?
- What are some of the things that you remember as your greatest joys in life? As Children of God, what do we have to look forward to that will be our greatest joy ever? What is different about this joy and how should this encourage us in our walk as Christians today?