

# GUARDING AGAINST DECEPTION

## 1 John 2:18-29

"Sanctify them  
by the Truth.  
Your Word is Truth"

### I. Introduction

### II. We are in the last hour of deception. 18-19

#### A. Notice this phrase, "the last hour." 18A

B. John's view of the end times seems to be that there is a singular Antichrist coming but that the spirit of antichrist is already in the world and that it produces many preliminary lesser forms of the Antichrist. 18

C. Many of these antichrists were, at one time, part of the church. 19

III. The word of God and the Spirit of God guard us from deception and lead us into eternal life. 20-24

A. The truth is really a gift of the Holy Spirit. 20-21

B. Pay attention to what teachers are saying about Jesus. 22-23

C. How does the Holy Spirit actually enable us to know the truth about Christ and so be protected from the deception of the antichrist? 24

IV. We should let the word abide in us and we should abide in the Spirit. 24-29

V. Conclusion