

February 22nd-23rd, 2020 Sermon
“Competing Loves”

1 John 2:18-27

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Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

- 1) How does John use the term “antichrist?” Where are some places that we might find this attitude in our own lives?
- 2) How does this passage challenge or confront you? Which of the characteristics of an “antichrist” attitude did you find most convicting in your journey? Why?
- 3) What are some of the resources that John identifies to help us resist these antichrist attitudes? Which one do you most need to cling to?
- 4) What does it mean to be anointed? How does the Spirit of God help us resist these antichrist attitudes?
- 5) How can we as a community encourage one another to resist this antichrist way of thinking? How can we pray for and encourage one another?