

First John 2:18-27

1:1-4 – John is a witness of the message and it's meaning from the beginning of Christianity.

1:5-2:11 – The “*They say/We say*” comparison chart:

- 1) God is light (1:5-7)
 - a. They claim fellowship with God, but walk in darkness
 - b. We walk in the light and have fellowship with God. Jesus purifies us from sin.
- 2) Sin Nature (1:8-9)
 - a. They claim to be without sin. This is not truth.
 - b. We confess our sins. God is faithful and just to forgive us. God purifies us.
- 3) Sinful Lifestyle (1:10-2:2)
 - a. They claim they have not sinned. The Word has no place. They redefine sin.
 - b. We identify sin according to what God calls sin. Jesus is our advocate.
- 4) God's commands/God's Word 2:3-6)
 - a. They do not know God because they consider God's Word a lie.
 - b. We honor God's Word as Truth. We obey God's Word. We live as Jesus did.
- 5) Love for Believers
 - a. They hate the believers who are following the Word. They are living without the Truth.
 - b. We love the believers who are following the Word. We are living in agreement with the Truth.

2:12-14 – The believers who are in the Truth:

- 1) Forgiven
- 2) Know the Father
- 3) Know Jesus, the one who began the church
- 4) Overcome the evil one positionally (in Christ)
- 5) Word of God lives in them
- 6) Strong
- 7) Overcome the evil one in temporal battles (in the world)

2:15-17 – Temporal World or Eternal God

- 1) Do not desire the temporal things of the world. You are already fading away.
- 2) Desire God and do his will. You will live forever.

First John 2:18 – “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.”

3813 [e]	2078 [e]	5610 [e]	1510 [e]	2532 [e]	2531 [e]	191 [e]	3754 [e]	500 [e]
Paidia	eschatē	hōra	estin	kai	kathōs	ēkousate	hoti	antichristos
18 Παιδιά ,	ἔσχατη	ώρα	ἐστίν ,	καὶ	καθὼς	ἠκούσατε	ὅτι	ἀντίχριστος
Little children	[the] last	hour	it is	and	as	you have heard	that	antichrist
N-VNP	Adj-NFS	N-NFS	V-PIA-3S	Conj	Adv	V-AIA-2P	Conj	N-NMS

2064 [e]	2532 [e]	3568 [e]	500 [e]	4183 [e]	1096 [e]	3606 [e]	1097 [e]	3754 [e]
erchetai	kai	nyn	antichristoi	polloi	gegonasin	hothen	ginōskomen	hoti
ἔρχεται ,	καὶ	νῦν	ἀντίχριστοι	πολλοὶ	γεγόνασιν ,	ὅθεν	γινώσκομεν	ὅτι
is coming	even	now	antichrists	many	have arisen	whereby	we know	that
V-PIM/P-3S	Conj	Adv	N-NMP	Adj-NMP	V-RIA-3P	Conj	V-PIA-1P	Conj

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[the] last	hour	it is
Adj-NFS	N-NFS	V-PIA-3S

- John addresses the concept of end times here, but his main concern is the false teachers that had gone out into the churches.
 - Seven kingdom parables in Matthew 13
- John tells his readers two times in this verse “IT IS THE LAST HOUR”.
 - The “last hour” (*eschate hora*) is synonymous with the church age. The last age (or, hour) had begun.
 - First John 2:8 – “the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.”
 - First John 2:17 – “The world and its desires pass away”
 - This lines up with Paul’s words in 2 Thessalonians 2:7:
 - “For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.”
- “Hour” can refer to a longer period of time as in:
 - John 4:23 – “Yet a time (*hora*) is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.
 - John 16:2 – “Indeed, the hour (*hora*) is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.”
- Peter and the writer of Hebrews considered the period of time between Jesus’ first coming and his second coming as the last days:
 - Acts 2:15-17 – “These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.’ ”
 - Hebrews 1:2 – “In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.”
 - 1 Peter 1:20 – “He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.”

- Proof that this is the “last hour” (the last age, the last phase) is given: already there are many antichrists.
- The antichrist will come at the end of this age. But, since we are in this last age already many antichrists have already started to appear.
- John writes that the “antichrist is coming”
 - Just as Paul wrote “the man of lawlessness is revealed” in 2 Thessalonians 2:3:
 - “that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.”
 - This was apostolic teaching from the beginning. Note that in 2 Thessalonians 2:5 Paul wrote:
 - “Don’t you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?”
- If the date of this book is 85-90 AD then Nero was NOT the antichrist. He could have been one of the many antichrists? But, John seems to be talking more about Christian imposters. And, Nero was an opponent of Christianity, but not a false teacher of Christianity.
 - In Paul’s final book, 2 Timothy, Paul is in prison in Rome and has appeared before Nero’s court. Paul considers the whole event a test and an opportunity to testify to the Truth.
 - Eventually Nero has Paul decapitated.
 - Not once is Nero referred to as the antichrist, the man of lawlessness, the beast, son of Satan, etc.
 - The closest we get is 2 Timothy 4:16-18 written 67 AD:
 - does not even identify Nero
 - Does not address the concept of the antichrist
 - Gives no hint at the end times even though historically the Jewish wars (66-70 AD) had begun which would result in the Temple being destroyed, Jerusalem being burnt and the Jews being slaughtered.
 - Paul’s writing includes these words,
 - “At my first defense, no one came to my support (*talking about Christians*)...I was delivered from the lion’s mouth (*speaking of Satan’s attempt to intimidate Paul and prevent him from testifying*)...The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom...”
- The word antichrist only appears in John’s writing:
 - 1 John 2:18
 - 1 John 2:22 – “Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son.”
 - 1 John 4:3 – “But every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.”
 - 2 John 7 – “I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.”
- The antichrist’s teaching is against Christ. Not an imitation of Christ, but a denial of Christ. A denial of the Trinity.
- The many antichrist’s that have already appeared are false teachers (see next verse)

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7	The Net	At the end of this age the next event is the day of judgment or the separating of people like separating good & bad fish.	Mt. 13:47-50

First John 2:19 – “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.”

1537 [e] 1473 [e] 1831 [e] 235 [e] 3756 [e] 1510 [e] 1537 [e] 1473 [e] 1487 [e] 1063 [e] 1537 [e]
ex hēmōn exēlthan all' ouk ēsan ex hēmōn ei gar ex
19 ἐξ ἡμῶν ἐξῆλθαν , ἀλλ' οὐκ ἦσαν ἐξ ἡμῶν ; εἰ γὰρ ἐξ
From among us they went out but not they were of us if indeed of
Prep PPro-G1P V-AIA-3P Conj Adv V-IIA-3P Prep PPro-G1P Conj Conj Prep

1473 [e] 1510 [e] 3306 [e] 302 [e] 3326 [e] 1473 [e] 235 [e] 2443 [e]
hēmōn ēsan memenēkeisan an meth' hēmōn all' hina
ἡμῶν ἦσαν , μεμενῆκεισαν ἄν μεθ' ἡμῶν ; ἀλλ' ἵνα
us they had been they would have remained anyhow with us but that
PPro-G1P V-IIA-3P V-LIA-3P Prtl Prep PPro-G1P Conj Conj

5319 [e] 3754 [e] 3756 [e] 1510 [e] 3956 [e] 1537 [e] 1473 [e]
phanerōthōsin hoti ouk eisin pantes ex hēmōn
φανερῶθῶσιν ὅτι οὐκ εἰσὶν πάντες ἐξ ἡμῶν .
it might be made manifest that not are all of us
V-ASP-3P Conj Adv V-PIA-3P Adj-NMP Prep PPro-G1P

- These are the false prophets of 1 John 4:1

First John 2:20 – “But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.”

	2532 [e]	4771 [e]	5545 [e]	2192 [e]	575 [e]	3588 [e]	40 [e]	2532 [e]	1492 [e]	3956 [e]
	kai	hymeis	chrisma	echete	apo	tou	Hagiou	kai	oidate	pantes
20	καὶ	ὑμεῖς	χρῖσμα	ἔχετε	,	ἀπὸ	τοῦ Ἁγίου	,	καὶ	οἴδατε πάντες .
	And	you	[the] anointing	have	from	the	Holy [One]	and	you know	all things
	Conj	PPro-N2P	N-ANS	V-PIA-2P	Prep	Art-GMS	Adj-GMS	Conj	V-RIA-2P	Adj-NMP

First John 2:21 – “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.”

	3756 [e]	1125 [e]	4771 [e]	3754 [e]	3756 [e]	1492 [e]	3588 [e]	225 [e]	235 [e]	3754 [e]
	ouk	egrapsa	hymīn	hoti	ouk	oidate	tēn	alētheian	all'	hoti
21	οὐκ	ἔγραψα	ὑμῖν	ὅτι	οὐκ	οἴδατε	τὴν	ἀλήθειαν	,	ἀλλ' ὅτι
	not	I have written	to you	because	not	you know	the	truth	but	because
	Adv	V-AIA-1S	PPro-D2P	Conj	Adv	V-RIA-2P	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Conj	Conj

	1492 [e]	846 [e]	2532 [e]	3754 [e]	3956 [e]	5579 [e]	1537 [e]	3588 [e]	225 [e]	3756 [e]	1510 [e]
	oidate	autēn	kai	hoti	pan	pseudos	ek	tēs	alētheias	ouk	estin
	οἴδατε	αὐτήν	,	καὶ	ὅτι	πᾶν	ψεῦδος	,	ἐκ	τῆς	ἀληθείας οὐκ ἔστιν .
	you know	it		and	that	any	lie		of	the	truth not is
	V-RIA-2P	PPro-AF3S	Conj	Conj	Adj-NNS	N-NNS	Prep	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Adv	V-PIA-3S

First John 2:22 – “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.”

5101 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	5583 [e]	1487 [e]	3361 [e]	3588 [e]	720 [e]	3754 [e]	2424 [e]		
Tis	estin	ho	pseustēs	ei	mē	ho	arnoumenos	hoti	Iēsous		
22	Τίς	ἐστίν	ὁ	ψεύστης	,	εἰ	μὴ	ὁ	ἀρνούμενος	ὅτι	Ἰησοῦς
	Who	is	the	liar		if	not	The [one]	denying	that	Jesus
	IPro-NMS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS	N-NMS		Conj	Adv	Art-NMS	V-PPM/P-NMS	Conj	N-NMS

3756 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	5547 [e]	3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	500 [e]	3588 [e]		
ouk	estin	ho	Christos	houtos	estin	ho	antichristos	ho		
οὐκ	ἔστιν	ὁ	Χριστός	?	οὗτός	ἔστιν	ὁ	ἀντίχριστος	,	ὁ
not	is	the	Christ		This	is	the	antichrist		The [one]
Adv	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS	N-NMS		DPro-NMS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS	N-NMS		Art-NMS

720 [e]	3588 [e]	3962 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	
arnoumenos	ton	Patera	kai	ton	Huion	
ἀρνούμενος	τὸν	Πατέρα	καὶ	τὸν	Υἰόν	.
denying	the	Father	and	the	Son	
V-PPM/P-NMS	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Conj	Art-AMS	N-AMS	

First John 2:23 – “No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.”

3956 [e]	3588 [e]	720 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	3761 [e]	3588 [e]	3962 [e]	2192 [e]	3588 [e]		
pas	ho	arnoumenos	ton	Huion	oude	ton	Patera	echei	ho		
23	πᾶς	ὁ	ἀρνούμενος	τὸν	Υἰόν	,	οὐδὲ	τὸν	Πατέρα	ἔχει	ὁ
	Everyone	-	denying	the	Son		neither	the	Father	has he	The [one]
	Adj-NMS		Art-NMS	V-PPM/P-NMS	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Adv	Art-AMS	N-AMS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NMS

3670 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	3962 [e]	2192 [e]		
homologōn	ton	Huion	kai	ton	Patera	echei		
ὁμολογῶν	τὸν	Υἰόν	,	καὶ	τὸν	Πατέρα	ἔχει	.
confessing	the	Son		also	the	Father	has	
V-PPA-NMS	Art-AMS	N-AMS		Conj	Art-AMS	N-AMS	V-PIA-3S	

First John 2:24 – “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.”

4771 [e]	3739 [e]	191 [e]	575 [e]	746 [e]	1722 [e]	4771 [e]	3306 [e]	1437 [e]	1722 [e]
hymeis	ho	ēkousate	ap'	archēs	en	hymīn	menetō	ean	en
24 ὑμεῖς , ὁ		ἠκούσατε	ἀπ'	ἀρχῆς ,	ἐν	ὑμῖν	μενέτω .	ἐάν	ἐν
You	what	you have heard	from	[the] beginning	in	you	let it abide	if	in
PPro-N2P	RelPro-ANS	V-AIA-2P	Prep	N-GFS	Prep	PPro-D2P	V-PMA-3S	Conj	Prep

4771 [e]	3306 [e]	3739 [e]	575 [e]	746 [e]	191 [e]	2532 [e]	4771 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]
hymīn	meinē	ho	ap'	archēs	ēkousate	kai	hymeis	en	tō
ὑμῖν	μείνη	ὁ	ἀπ'	ἀρχῆς	ἠκούσατε ,	καὶ	ὑμεῖς	ἐν	τῷ
you	should abide	what	from	[the] beginning	you have heard	also	you	in	the
PPro-D2P	V-ASA-3S	RelPro-ANS	Prep	N-GFS	V-AIA-2P	Conj	PPro-N2P	Prep	Art-DMS

5207 [e]	2532 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	3962 [e]	3306 [e]
Huiō	kai	en	tō	Patri	meneite
Υἱῷ	καὶ	ἐν	τῷ	Πατρὶ	μενεῖτε .
Son	and	in	the	Father	will abide
N-DMS	Conj	Prep	Art-DMS	N-DMS	V-FIA-2P

First John 2:25 – “And this is the promise that he made to us — eternal life.”

2532 [e]	3778 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	1860 [e]	3739 [e]	846 [e]	1861 [e]	1473 [e]	3588 [e]
kai	hautē	estin	hē	epangelia	hēn	autos	epēngeilato	hēmin	tēn
25 καὶ	αὕτη	ἐστὶν	ἡ	ἐπαγγελία	ἦν	αὐτός	ἐπηγγείλατο	ἡμῖν :	τὴν
And	this	is	the	promise	that	he	promised	us	-
Conj	DPro-NFS	V-PIA-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	RelPro-AFS	PPro-NM3S	V-AIM-3S	PPro-D1P	Art-AFS

2222 [e]	3588 [e]	166 [e]
zōēn	tēn	aiōnion
ζωὴν	τὴν	αἰώνιον .
life	-	eternal
N-AFS	Art-AFS	Adj-AFS

First John 2:26 – “I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.”

3778 [e]	1125 [e]	4771 [e]	4012 [e]	3588 [e]	4105 [e]	4771 [e]
Tauta	egrapsa	hymīn	peri	tōn	planōntōn	hymas
26 Ταῦτα	ἔγραψα	ὑμῖν	περὶ	τῶν	πλανώντων	ὑμᾶς ;
These things	I have written	to you	concerning	those	leading astray	you
DPro-ANP	V-AIA-1S	PPro-D2P	Prep	Art-GMP	V-PPA-GMP	PPro-A2P

First John 2:27 – “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.”

2532 [e] 4771 [e] 3588 [e] 5545 [e] 3739 [e] 2983 [e] 575 [e] 846 [e] 3306 [e] 1722 [e] 4771 [e]
 kai hymeis to chrisma ho elabete ap' autou menei en hymin
27 καὶ ὑμεῖς , τὸ χρῖσμα ὃ ἐλάβετε ἀπ' αὐτοῦ , μένει ἐν ὑμῖν ,
 and you the anointing that you received from him abides in you
 Conj PPro-N2P Art-NNS N-NNS RelPro-ANS V-AIA-2P Prep PPro-GM3S V-PIA-3S Prep PPro-D2P

2532 [e] 3756 [e] 5532 [e] 2192 [e] 2443 [e] 5100 [e] 1321 [e] 4771 [e] 235 [e] 5613 [e] 3588 [e] 846 [e]
 kai ou chreian echete hina tis didaskē hymas all' hōs to autou
 καὶ οὐ χρεῖαν ἔχετε , ἵνα τις διδάσκη ὑμᾶς ; ἀλλ' ὡς τὸ αὐτοῦ
 and not need you have that anyone should teach you but as the same
 Conj Adv N-AFS V-PIA-2P Conj IPro-NMS V-PSA-3S PPro-A2P Conj Adv Art-NNS PPro-GM3S

5545 [e] 1321 [e] 4771 [e] 4012 [e] 3956 [e] 2532 [e] 227 [e] 1510 [e] 2532 [e] 3756 [e]
 chrisma didaskei hymas peri pantōn kai alēthes estin kai ouk
 χρῖσμα , διδάσκει ὑμᾶς περὶ πάντων , καὶ ἀληθές ἐστιν , καὶ οὐκ
 anointing teaches you concerning all things and TRUE is and not
 N-NNS V-PIA-3S PPro-A2P Prep Adj-GNP Conj Adj-NNS V-PIA-3S Conj Adv

1510 [e] 5579 [e] 2532 [e] 2531 [e] 1321 [e] 4771 [e] 3306 [e] 1722 [e] 846 [e]
 estin pseudos kai kathōs edidaxen hymas menete en autō
 ἐστὶν ψεῦδος ; καὶ καθὼς ἐδίδαξεν ὑμᾶς , μένετε ἐν αὐτῷ .
 is a lie and just as it has taught you you shall abide in him
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