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This Is How  
We Know

1 JOHN

When the threat is real ... Abide!

# Two Threats

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“whoever does the will of God abides forever”

God's will - don't love the world

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“Do not love the world or the things in the world”

1 John 2:15a

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Threat #2 - **Listening to antichrist(s)**

“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.”

1 John 2:18

The last hour is a “theological assertion not a chronological indicator.”

Thomas Kidd



YOU ARE  
ONE DAY CLOSER  
TO THE  
END OF THE WORLD.

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- or
- denies Jesus by **discrediting Jesus' claims.**

“And Jesus answered them, ‘See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and they will lead many astray.’”

Matthew 24:4-5

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John - Antichrist is coming, and many  
antichrists are here.

“you have heard that antichrist is coming”

1 John 2:18b

“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.”

1 John 2:19-24a

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1 John 2:22b

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John is writing to encourage perseverance, not to highlight ignorance.

“By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.

“This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.”

1 John 4:1-3

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Maybe ... but John isn't teaching that here.

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Maybe ... if you link antichrist to other passages in scripture like Thessalonians and Revelation.

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Maybe ... it is believable that one person with supernatural charisma could deceive the world through political, technological, and spiritual means.

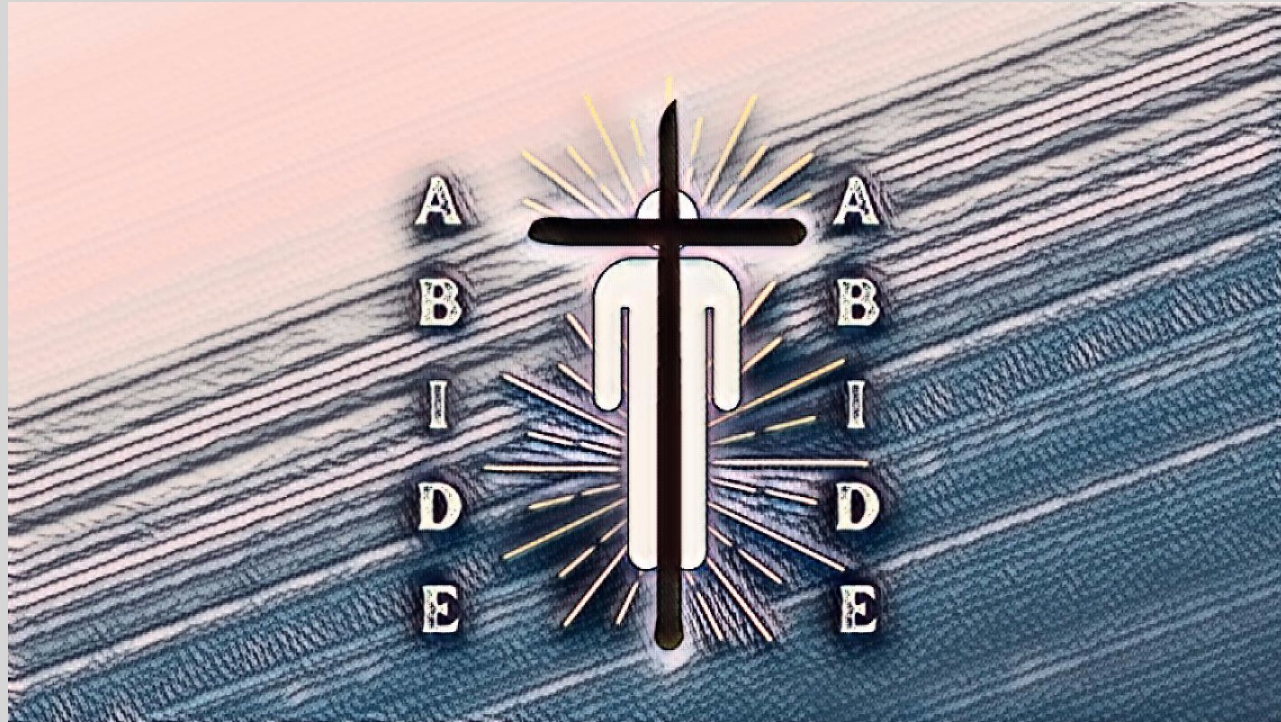
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Maybe ... it is also believable that the world is overtaken by a systemic power rather than a singular person.



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So ... maybe.







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ANTICHRIST























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4. **Revel in eternity.**

“And this is the promise that he made to us —  
eternal life.”

1 John 2:25

“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

“And this is eternal life, that they know you,  
the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you  
have sent ...

“For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

“I am praying for them ... Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one ...

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.  
As you sent me into the world, so I have sent  
them into the world ...



“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

“I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

John 17

The threat is real ... abide today,  
and abide forever.