

Essential Fellowship: 5 of 10

“Counterfeit or Real?”

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Big Idea: We can know the joy of life if we walk together in His light.

How Can We Know Spiritually What Is Counterfeit or Real?

1. Be Prepared Against False Teachers

“Dear children, this is the **last hour**; and as you have heard that the **antichrist is coming**, even now **many antichrists have come**. This is how we **know** it is the last hour. **They went out from us**, but they **did not really belong to us**. For if they had **belonged** to us, they would have **remained** with us; but their going showed that none of them **belonged** to us.” **1 John 2:18-19 (NIV)**

“I am writing these things to you about those who are **trying to lead you astray**.”
1 John 2:26 (NIV)

“**Who is the liar?** It is the man who **denies** that Jesus is the **Christ**. Such a man is the antichrist--**He denies the Father and the Son**. No one who **denies the Son** has the Father; whoever **acknowledges the Son has the Father also**.”

1 John 2:22-23 (NIV)

- **Can We Lose Our Salvation?**

“Now it is **God** who makes both us and you **stand firm in Christ**. He **anointed** us, set His **seal of ownership on us**, and **put His Spirit in our hearts** as a deposit, **guaranteeing** what is to come.” **2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NIV)**

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

1 John 1:7 (NIV) Remember Verse

- the **last hour**...We think of day/months/ years – God thinks of periods of time/events.

“The Spirit clearly says that in **later times** some will **abandon the faith** and **follow deceiving spirits** and **things taught by demons**. Such teachings come through **hypocritical liars**, whose **consciences** have been **seared** as with a hot iron. They **forbid people to marry** and **order them to abstain from certain foods**, which God created to be received with **thanksgiving** by those who **believe and who know the truth**.” **1 Timothy 4:1-3 (NIV)**

- The Antichrist

“Concerning the **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become **easily unsettled** or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the **Lord has already come**. Don't let anyone **deceive** you in any way, for that day will not come until **the rebellion occurs** and the **man of lawlessness** is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will **oppose** and will **exalt himself** over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that He sets himself up in God's temple, **proclaiming himself to be God.**” **2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 (NIV)**

“The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the **work of Satan** displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. **They perish** because they **refused** to love the truth and so be saved.” **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 (NIV)**

2. Listen To The Holy Spirit

“But you have an **anointing from the Holy One**, and **all of you know the truth**. I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but **because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.**” **1 John 2:20-21 (NIV)**

“As for you, **the anointing** you received from him **remains in you**, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as **his anointing teaches you about all things** and as that **anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in Him.**” **1 John 2:27 (NIV)**

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach you all things** and will **remind** you of everything I have **said** to you.” **John 14:26 (NIV)**

3. Know The Truth

“See that what you have **heard** from the beginning **remains in you**. If it does, you also will **remain in the Son** and **in the Father**. And this is what He promised us--even **eternal life.**” **1 John 2:24-25 (NIV)**

“And now, dear children, **continue in Him**, so that when he appears we may be **confident and unashamed** before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that **everyone who does what is right has been born of him.**” **1 John 2:26-29 (NIV)**

➤ **How well will you do if deceivers come to disrupt your faith?**

To be prepared against false teachers, I will:

[] Accept the challenge to journal through scripture this week

[] Ask Jesus to be my Lord and Savior

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

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Open in Prayer

Icebreaker: If you only had short time to live, how would you spend your time?

Read 1 John 2:18-29

How Can We Know Spiritually What Is Counterfeit or Real?

1. Be Prepared Against False Teachers

Read 1 John 2:18-19

How does John describe false teachers in this passage?

Read 1 John 2:26

How does John describe the danger of false teachers?

Read 1 John 2:22-23

What will false teachers teach?

What does the Bible teach us about who Jesus is?

- **Can we lose our salvation?**

Read 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

What do you learn from this verse?

Read John 10:27-30

What does Jesus promise about our relationship with him and God the Father?

Case study: What is the difference between Judas and Peter?

Read Matthew 7:23

What does Jesus say and why?

Read 1 John 1:7 Remember Verse

How does this verse protect us from being deceived?

Terms to know:

- **The last hour.** The time between the first and second comings of Christ. 1Timothy 4:1; Jas 5:3; 1Pe 4:7; 2Pe 3:3; Jude 18.

Read 1 Timothy 4:1-3

What will some false teachers teach? What is wrong with this?

- **Many antichrists have appeared.** (Mt 24:24; Mk 13:22; Ac 20:28-30).
- **Antichrist.** Its usage is found only in John's epistles (4:3; 2John 7). Here it refers to the coming final world ruler energized by Satan who will seek to **replace and oppose** the true Christ (Daniel 8:9-11; 11:31-38; 12:11; Mt 24:15; 2Th 2:1-12; Rev 13:1-5; 19:20) The MacArthur Study Bible.

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

What do you learn about things leading up to the antichrist? V.3

What do you learn about the antichrist?

Why will people perish? V. 10

2. Listen To The Holy Spirit So That You Won't Be Deceived.

Read 1 John 2:20-21, 27

What kind of anointing does the true believer have?

How does this anointing help us?

Read John 14:26

Read John 16:8-11

How will the Holy Spirit help each believer?

3. Know The Truth So That You Will Persevere

What will help you to persevere in your faith?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.
