

## FAST FACTS: 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 2:18-19

1.IT IS A CRISIS POINT IN THE EARLY CHURCH.THE GNOSTICS WHO HAD BEEN IN THE CHURCH NOW HAD GONE OUT.THEY BELIEVED AND TAUGHT A FALSE DOCTRINE.THAT THE FLESH WAS EVIL AND THAT JESUS ONLY APPEARED TO BE HUMAN.THAT THE REDEEMER ENTERED JESUS WITH THE DESCENDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A DOVE AT HIS BAPTISM THEN DEPARTED AND WENT BACK TO HEAVEN BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION AND THAT JESUS DEATH WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR SALVATION.

2.IN THIS CRISIS MOMENT JOHN DECLARES "IT IS THE LAST HOUR"..OR THE LAST DAYS WHEN GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION IS BROUGHT THROUGH THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST..I BELIEVE THAT THE "LAST DAYS" BEGAN WITH THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST..AND THE HOUR OF HIS RETURN AND CULMINATION OF HISTORY IS NOW RAPIDLY APPROACHING..WE DON'T KNOW THE EXACT TIME, ONLY GOD KNOWS, BUT WE HAVE SIGNS TO WATCH FOR.

3.JOHN DESCRIBES THOSE WHO HAVE GONE OUT FROM THE CHURCH, THE GNOSTICS, THE FALSE TEACHERS, AS ANTICHRISTS...ANYONE WHO IS NOT FOR OR DENIES THE CHRIST REVEALED IN THE SCRIPTURE IS AN ANTICHRIST, AGAINST CHRIST.

4.YES, THERE IS SPECIFIC ONE, TAUGHT ABOUT IN THE REVELATION, WHO WILL BE THE ULTIMATE ANTICHRIST, WHO WILL LEAD THE ENTIRE WORLD ASTRAY, FOLLOWING THE RAPTURE.

5.JOHN DESCRIBES THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT THE FAITH AS THOSE "WHO LEFT US, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT OF US". THEY HAD NEVER BEEN SAVED.

6.IN VERSES 28 & 29..LITTLE CHILDREN YOU KNOW HIM,ABIDE IN HIM,DON'T BE ASHAMED, AT HIS COMING.