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The Reality of Resistance

1 John 2:18-27

Series: Reality Check – (re)Aligning Our Lives to the Way of Jesus

Central Passages

1 John 2:22–23 (ESV) — **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. **23** No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

Central Thought: While encountering passive disbelief and active, aggressive resistance, John encourages us and exhorts us to lean into Jesus, trusting that he is indeed the son of God and the sovereign savior of the world who will return to judge the world and make all things new.

Resistance Realities...

- ❖ This is the “Last Hour” – we are living in the “end times.” (vs. 18-20)
 - The death and resurrection of Jesus inaugurated the final chapter in God’s plan of salvation and restoration of the world.

John 19:30 (ESV) — **30** When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished,**” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

1 Peter 4:7–9 (ESV) — **7** **The end of all things is at hand**; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. **8** Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. **9** Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

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- ❖ The spirit of Antichrist(s) is among us – those who dilute or deny the deity and authority of Jesus. (vs.20-23)
 - Antichrists will multiply as the return of The Christ approaches.

Revelation 13:1–6 (ESV) — **1** And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. **2** And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear’s, and its mouth was like a lion’s mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority...**6** It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

2 Thessalonians 2:3–4 (ESV) — **3** Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and **the man of lawlessness** is revealed, **the son of destruction**, **4** who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. (See also 2 Timothy 3:1-9; 2 Peter 3:1-13)

- ❖ Your Anointing is real – don’t be intimidated by the so-called wisdom of this world. (vs.24-27)
 - Trust God’s work – his anointing – in your life and lean into Jesus.

1 Corinthians 3:18–20 (ESV) — **18** Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. **19** For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” **20** and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

Romans 1:16–17 (ESV) — **16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **17** For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”