

- I. We need to be aware of opposition to Christ (v. 18-19)
 - A. The presence of antichrists reveal the coming of the last days
 - B. The opposition of the antichrists shows up in the church

“Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.” (Acts 20:30)

- C. The antichrists reveal themselves by leaving the fellowship
- II. We need to be well grounded in our faith (v. 20-23)
 - A. We trust in God’s anointing presence
 - B. We trust in the truth of God’s word
 - C. We trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God

“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.” (I John 4:15)

- D. We trust in God the Father

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.” (John 14:1)

- III. We need to remain committed to the gospel (v. 24-25)
 - A. The gospel must be in our hearts
 - B. The gospel introduces us to relationship with God
 - C. The gospel brings us the promise of eternal life

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

- IV. We need to not be deceived by the antichrists (v. 26-27)
 - A. We are helped by the presence of the Holy Spirit

“Now is it 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)

- B. We are helped by the teaching of the Holy Spirit

“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)

- C. We are helped by the truth of the Holy Spirit

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:16)

D. We are helped by living in Christ