***In Times Like These - James, Peter, John, Jude***

**Lesson 18**

**Deception Versus Abiding**

Read I John 2:18-3:9.

 Memory Work: I John 2:28,29.

1. John talks about truth many times in I John 2:18-28. . .why?

 2.a. What is coming in the last hour?

 b. How could John, almost 2000 years ago, say “it is the last hour?”

 c. Explain “the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come.”

 d. Who is the antichrist? II Thessalonians 2:3,4,8,9; Revelation 13:6-8; Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15.

e. What did Jesus tell us in Matthew 24:23,24?

f. Why can’t you build your faith on signs and wonders?

 3.a. What are the implications of I John 2:19?

 b. Have you had any acquaintances like this. . .what did they do?

Evaluate 4. So many reporters and journalists and many important people seem to have no love of truth today. .

 how could this have happened?

 5.a. From verse 20, what is our protection?

b. “You know all things,” pertains to what?

c. Who is a liar?

d. What serious name does he apply to the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ?

e. If you acknowledge the Son, Who do you have also. . .because?

 6.a. From verse 24, what is it we are to let abide in us?

 b. If you abide in the Lord, who else abides in you?

 c. With what promise? I John 2:25.

d. Do you find any further confirmation and encouragement from John 15:1-10?

 7. How will you not be deceived? I John 2:26,27.

 8.a. If you abide in God, what is the promise that He has promised you? Verse 28.

Evaluate b. Are you practicing righteousness?

c. Why would a person be ashamed?

 9.a. From I John 3:1-3, how does John express the wonder of being a child of God?

 b. Are you this amazed also. . .in what way?

 c. Why does the world not know us? Verse 1.

 10a. Do we believers know what we will finally be like. . .what do you know about your future life?

 b. Are you getting ready to see His as He is?

 c. If you do have the hope, what are you to do? Verse 3.

 d. What does this mean?

 11a. If you sin, are you committing l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_? Verse 4.

 b. Why is this especially inconceivable for a child of God? Verses 5,6.

 c. If we claim to be Christians, but r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is not our lifestyle, then our status as

 children of God can rightfully be challenged. Do you agree? Explain.

 d. Can a person with a persistent compulsive sin (e.g. lying, alcoholism, pride, gossip, lust. etc.) be a

 Christian if he consistently confesses his sin, yet continues in it? Explain. I Corinthians 6:9-11.

 12. Is there a contradiction between I John 3:9 and I John 1:9?