

“Challenges To Look Out For!”

I John 2:12-27

The rail crossing!

Encouragement from being in Christ 2:12-14

Forgiven  
Knowers  
Overcomers

The challenge of the world and the temptations offered 2:15-17

Forced to consider who is our Lord and Master

- We cannot serve two for sooner or later they will conflict
- This world will not last

The challenge of the antichrists 2:18-27

“Against” Christ or “in place of” Christ

Discerning the antichrist 2:18, 26-27

- Do they recognize the authority of the church? 2:19
- Do they recognize the Spirit at work? 2:20-21
- Do they recognize Jesus? 2:22-23
- Do they recognize biblical teaching? 2:24-25

**To Ponder In A Quiet Moment Or Over a Cuppa With A Friend:**

How do John’s words encourage you in vv.12-14?

What is the danger of loving the world?

What traits would an antichrist have?

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1. Why do you think these statements in vv.12-14 are here? Who is John writing to?
2. How do John’s statements encourage the Christian as he or she walks with Jesus?
3. What is the “world” John is writing about? How would you tell if someone loved the world?
4. In John 3:16 what does God love? How does this fit with John’s command not to love the world?
5. Look at 2:16. What do you think are *“the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does?”* Where else in the Scriptures do we find this language?
6. Where do these cravings, lusts, and boastings come from? Why are these things so desirous for us?
7. How can we counter such desires? How does 4:4-6 help us have a different perspective on these desires?
8. Define the term “antichrist”. Who is the antichrist?
9. How can you tell if one is the antichrist? Who would qualify as an antichrist today?
10. What is the “last hour” and is it the same as the “last days”?
11. How would you defend yourself against the antichrist? Is the antichrist the same as a false teacher? Explain!
12. We are called to overcome and persevere. How do John’s words help us to do that?