

# BE REAL

## #4 TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

1 JOHN 2:18-27

*“Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come.”*

1 John 2:18 (NLT)

## THREE MARKS OF BEING “ANTI-CHRISTS.”

### #1 They \_\_\_\_\_ the Church.

*“They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us.”*

1 John 2:19 (ESV)

Every \_\_\_\_\_ church is a physical expression  
of Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ church.  
*(Gnosticism believed everything in the physical world was evil)*

### #2 They \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

*“Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son.” 1 John 2:22 (NIV)*

*Our Christian faith can be summarized in two words:*

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### #3 They \_\_\_\_\_ Christians.

*“I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray.” 1 John 2:26 (NIV)*

## THREE MARKS OF BEING FOR CHRIST.

### #1 Stay in the \_\_\_\_\_ .

*“They left us, but they were never really with us. If they had been, they would have stuck it out with us, loyal to the end. In leaving, they showed their true colors, showed they never did belong.” 1 John 2:19 (MSG)*

*“... This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.” 1 Timothy 3:15 (NLT)*

*“Be devoted to one another.” Romans 12:10 (NIV)*

### #2 Stay in the \_\_\_\_\_ .

*“But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the truth.” 1 John 2:20 (NLT)*

*“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”*

*John 16:13 (NIV)*

### #3 Stay in the \_\_\_\_\_ .

*“See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.” 1 John 2:24 (NIV)\*\**

*“Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.” Acts 17:11 (NIV)*

\*\*Key verse “Abide”