**18**Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

**19**They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

**20**But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

**21**I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, andbecause no lie is of the truth.

**22**Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

**23**Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

**24**As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

**25**This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

**26**These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

**27**As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

**28**Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

**29**If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.