



Love Jesus, Love His Work

Sermon Series: *First: Love 1 John 2:18-3:10*

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Introduction:

A WARNING — TOUGH TIMES _____!

- **“Last Hour” might be better read: _____ Last Hour (vs. 2:18)**
- **Bottom line: The return of Christ is _____.**
 - ◇ The word “imminent” has two meanings.
 - ◇ Can mean: at _____.
 - ◇ Can mean: a _____.
- **The appearance of “false Christs” is actually a sign that _____**
_____.
- **Antichrist’s are: _____.** (2:18,19)

PROTECTION #1 CONCERNING THE WARNING OF DIFFICULT TIMES TO COME: _____ _____.

- **Don’t let go of what you know to be true! (2:24)**
- **“if it does...” IF this knowledge remains in you: You have a _____.**

PROTECTION #2 CONCERNING THE WARNING: LOVE JESUS BY _____ _____.

Conclusion:

Congregational Aspirations

1. We aspire to be a church with a great view of God that shapes our humility, prayerful dependence, and submission to His Spirit and will, with a willingness to follow and obey, so that all worship and glory goes to Him alone.
2. We aspire to be a church that values relationships and the humility, integrity, and love required to bring unity and trust, driven by a growing relationship with Jesus and trust in Him.
3. We aspire to be a church that values both men and women in the Body, encouraging them to use their spiritual gifts to serve the church and advance the Kingdom of God.
4. We aspire to be a church that values biblical reconciliation by pursuing conflict resolution in healthy, respectful ways.
5. We aspire to be a church committed to honor and care for our leaders through providing the encouragement, training, accountability, and respect needed for them to carry out their calling well.
6. We aspire to be a church led with a shepherd's heart by humble and courageous leaders willing to listen with empathy, communicate openly and honestly, and respond with compassion to care for the needs of the Body.
7. We aspire to be a church marked by loving God, receiving and passing on God's unconditional love driven by the gospel's transforming message, extending grace to each other, dying to self, and inspired to serve in and outside the church because we love and serve Jesus.

*These have been developed by the Elders and Transition Team.
In the months to come, we will determine how to best
implement them as a church body.*