

Discerning False Teachers

1 John 2:18-29

“I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.”

1 John 2:26

You Can Recognize Them Because They:

Depart from Historic Christianity

“They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.” 1 John 2:19

*The issue is not that they are led to a different church, but that they depart from the historic, traditional church and its teaching altogether.

Deny the Deity of Christ

“Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father.” 1 John 2:22,23

Others Deny the Humanity of Jesus or the Trinity Itself.

Deceive the Doctrinally Weak

“Those who are trying to deceive you.” 1 John 2:26

Conclusion/Application:

“The anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything—and is true and is no lie, just as it has taught you—abide in him.” 1 John 2:27