

Problem:

so many claim to follow Jesus but turn back - watching it hurts
 you will personally invest your life in someone who will claim Christ and then leave the church
 you will personally invest your life in someone and they will reject the Bible
 it will hurt - but don't be discouraged

Main Idea:

Departure makes it plain who is not of us
 Denial makes it obvious who is a liar
 Defection makes it apparent who is an antichrist
 ...and who is anointed

Implication:

departure, denial and defection are not necessarily bad in the church
 for He will not build His church upon the back of goats

Application:

I am afraid we are trying to build a broad church rather than a narrow one - Matt 7:13-27

Text:**Departure makes it plain who is not of us**

1John 2:18 ¶ **Children**, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that **antichrist** is coming, so now many **antichrists** have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.

1John 2:19 **They went out from us (aorist)**, but they were not of us (imperfect); for if they had been of us (imperfect)(2nd class cond. - and they were not), they would have continued with us. But **they went out**, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

1John 2:20 But you have been **anointed** by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.

((18) antichrist- 2 Thess 2:1-10- Not the antichrist an antichrist -> 1 Jn 4:3)

(19) become plain - 1 Jn 3:14

(20) anointed by the Holy One- John 6:66-71 (chosen by Christ)

anointed with the Holy Spirit - John 14:15-17

set apart in the unity of the Word - John 17:17-23

prescription: Heb 10:23-25

Denial makes it obvious who is a liar

1John 2:21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no **lie** is of the truth.

1John 2:22 Who is the **liar** but he who **denies** that Jesus is the Christ (the anointed one)? This is **the antichrist**, he who **denies** the Father and the Son.

1John 2:23 No one who **denies** the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

(22) obvious who is the liar - 1 John 4:1-6; 2 John 7

(22) of the devil -John 8:42-51 - from God to see He is the anointed one

worthy of all honor - Jn 5:23

(23) no one who denies the Son has the Father - John 10:25-30; 14:6

Defection makes it apparent who is an antichrist

1John 2:24 Let what you heard from the beginning **abide** in you. If what you heard from the beginning **abides** in you, then you too will **abide** in the Son and in the Father.

1John 2:25 And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

1John 2:26 ¶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

(26) apparent who is antichrist - Gal 1:6-9; Jude 3

(26) the diff. between the spiritual and natural person - 1 Cor 2:10-16

...and who is anointed

1John 2:27 But 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.

1John 2:28 ¶ And now, little **children, abide** in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

(27) no need for new teaching - John 14:26; 16:12-15; Acts 17:11

(28) who should have assurance - 1 John 2:6, 10, 17; Jn 15:1-12

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Articles for further study:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/what-is-the-antichrist.html>

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/9-reasons-people-leave-the-church-when-the-church-isnt-to-blame-141969/>