

## ***Staying on Course***

1 John 2:18-23

Jesus said, "the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved." Matthew 24:12-13

### **How do we stay on target?**

#### **1. We recognize clearly that we are on the home stretch. v18**

- A. Each of us has a limited time...
- B. We are in the countdown.

#### **2. We must recognize the characteristics of this age, otherwise we will become deceived or discouraged. v18**

- A. At the end of this age Satan will raise up antichrist.  
Matthew 24:15 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10.
  - 1. He is called the man of lawlessness. Vs 3
  - 2. He will exalt himself above every god and even claims to be God. Vs 4
  - 3. He will be overthrown by Christ at His coming. Vs 8
  - 4. He will perform all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders. Vs 9-10 Revelation 13
- B. Before the Antichrist comes there will be a continuous flow of antichrists, spiritual counterfeits and deceivers. v19  
Matthew 24:11

#### **3. We must recognize that our confidence and encouragement come from the Holy Spirit. 1 John 2:20-21**

- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- A. The Holy Spirit clearly marks us as belonging to God.
- B. The Holy Spirit also leads us to the truth.

#### **4. We must be able to recognize a deceiver. 1 John 2:22-23**

### **So how do we stay on target?**

Colossians 3:16 Hebrews 3:14 1 John 2:24, 28

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