

HOPE FOR OUR TROUBLED TIMES
THE DISTURBING REALITIES OF OUR TIMES
1 JOHN 2:15-18



The Heart of the Matter

Let's stop and take an honest inventory of our times. Not only will this enable us to see where we find ourselves, spiritually speaking, but it will help us understand how to apply the apostle John's mysterious statement: "many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour" (1 John 2:18). When pondering those words in light of today, it becomes obvious that such a statement is incredibly insightful. We can begin to see more clearly the disturbing realities of our times and, with hope, navigate our way through the cultural maze of humanism, skepticism, and postmodernism.



Discovering the Way

1. Analyzing "the World" (1 John 2:15-17)

The term *world* in these verses refers to an organized system of our culture that is headed by Satan, leaves God out, and exhibits hostility toward Christ and the Bible.

2. Defining "Many Antichrists" (1 John 2:18)

The term *antichrists* in these verses refers to the prevailing spirit or attitude displayed by many in the world today.

3. Understanding Our Times

The prevailing mind-set of our times makes it clear that we have experienced both troubling changes and disturbing realities.



Starting Your Journey

How do we survive our troubled times? We remember that discernment will keep us from being deceived, duped, and disillusioned, and that proper direction will enable us to make hard decisions.



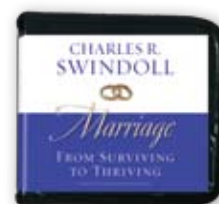
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