## **Counterfeits in the Church**

1 John 2:18-27

Counterfeiting Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Gospel is at the heart of the all-out spiritual war masterminded by Satan.

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## John's warnings and instructions about false teachers

- The misrepresentation of Jesus is a worldwide satanically driven movement (vs. 18)
- Spiritual counterfeiters have an identifiable profile (vs. 19)
- False teachers always have erroneous views of Jesus (vs. 22-23)

## How can genuine Christians safeguard themselves against anti-Christian movements?

- Never move from the original biblical message about Jesus (vs. 24)
- Depend on the Holy Spirit's illumination to keep you from wandering from the truth. (vs. 20, 27)

The stakes of falling into the anti-Christian movement are huge (vs. 25)