

STAYING SAVED

1 John 2:18-28



True Christians remain true to Christ _____

_____ (1 John 2:19).

_____ –but don’t _____ !

John 6:37-39

John 10:28-29

Romans 8:29-30

1 Corinthians 1:8-9

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Matthew 24:12-13

John 15:6

Colossians 1:22-23

Hebrews 3:14

1 John 2:24, 27-28

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FALSE TEACHERS:

1 John 2:26; see also Acts 20:29-30; 1 Timothy 4:1

① Rely on your _____.

1 John 2:20-21; see also John 10:4-5; 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22.

② Don’t abandon _____.

1 John 2:24, 27; see also 2 Tim. 1:13; 2 John 1:9

③ Reject every _____ of Jesus.

1 John 2:22-23; see also 1 John 4:2-3, 15; 5:1; 2 John 1:7

TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

Questions for reflection and discussion

1. Who have you known that used to believe in Jesus Christ but no longer claims to be a Christian? Why did this person defect?
2. Read 1 John 2:18, 28. In what sense do you believe that it is “the last hour”? Do you expect Jesus to return soon? If he returned right now, would you be confident or ashamed? Why?
3. Do you believe true Christians can lose their salvation? What Scriptures support your viewpoint? What Scriptures support the opposing view? How does 1 John 2:19, 24 shed light on the issue?
4. Since you have become a Christian, has a false teacher ever tried to lead you astray? How did you discern that the teacher was off-base? What did he/she teach that was untrue?
5. What are some practical things you can do to ensure that you will never abandon your commitment to Christ?