



“JESUS CHRIST VS. THE ANTICHRIST!”

> 1 JOHN Chapter 2:18-23 - ANTICHRISTS ARE WITH US!

Go for God!

> Christian Truth:

We Believe the Bible to be the inspired, only infallible, authoritative, inerrant, all sufficient Word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:21).

We Believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).

We Believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:34-35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return to earth in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11-16).

We Believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that all are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ, and that only by God's grace, through faith alone, are we saved (John 3:16-19; 5:24; Romans 3:23; 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).

We Believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of the life, and they that are not into the resurrection of damnation (John 5:28-29).

We Believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28).

We Believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose dwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life (Romans 8:13-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18).

(v20) “anointing” - Every born again believer receives the **“anointing”** of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.

- **Beware:** Warren Wiersbe writes, **“False Christians** in John's day used two special words to describe their experience: **“knowledge” and “unction.”** They claimed to have a special **unction or anointing** from God which gave them a unique **knowledge**. They were **“illuminated”** and therefore living on a much higher level than anybody else. But John points out that all true Christians know God and have received the Spirit of God! And because they have believed the truth, they recognize a lie when they meet it.”

> LIES FROM THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST:

(2:22)- *“Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.”*

- **Jesus said in Matthew 24:4,5,24-** *“Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.” . . . “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”*

- **What does the Bible say regarding Jesus as the Christ? – Matthew 16:13-18 (Jesus means “Jehovah is salvation” / Christ in Greek means *Christos*- “the anointed one” in Hebrew “Messiah”)**

- **Kenneth Wuest writes** “Thus, in the name “Jesus” there is contained the doctrines of the deity, humanity and vicarious atonement of the Person who bears that name. Only Jehovah could offer a sacrifice which would satisfy the demands of His holy law which the human race broke. But that sacrifice had to include within itself human nature without its sin, for deity in itself could not die, and deity acting as Priest for the sinner must partake of the nature of the individual on whose behalf he officiates.”

In these last days within much of the global apostate church we find the doctrine of “modernism” which denies that the Person called Jesus was neither God nor man, and that on the Cross He did not offer atonement for sin. Present day Modernism denies the deity of Jesus of Nazareth and the substitutionary atonement He offered on the Cross, while subscribing to His humanity.

(v23) **“denial” - 1 John 2:23** - *“Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also”.*

- **Jesus said in John 10:30** - *“I and my Father are One”* In **John 5:23** - *“That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father which has sent Him.”*

> THE ANTICHRIST IS COMING!

- **ANTICHRIST REALITY! - 2 Thessalonians ch. 2** – *“lawless one!”*- power, signs, and lying wonders.

> The Antichrist Defined:

- This individual will be empowered by Satan and will appear to be the Christ for the “New Age.” The Antichrist will be charismatic and appear to be a miracle worker. He will set himself up against Christ and the people of God in the last days before the SECOND COMING.

- The Antichrist's primary work is deception, which also characterizes SATAN in his attempts to undermine the work of God in the world. Satan's deception began in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3) and will continue until the end of time. The DRAGON (or serpent) of Revelation 12 is Satan, the Serpent mentioned in Genesis 3. Thus, the thread of Satan's deceptive work may be traced from Genesis through Revelation. That work reaches its climax in the Antichrist, who receives his authority and power from the dragon, Satan (Revelation 13:4).

- The Antichrist will be the sum total of the beasts referred to in Daniel 7 (Revelation 13:1-4). He will speak arrogant, boastful words; and he will be aided by a FALSE PROPHET, who will make the entire earth worship him (Revelation 13:11-12) and receive his mark (Revelation 13:16-17). The number of the beast, says John, is 666-a mysterious code name.¹

> BEWARE OF AN UNHOLY TRINITY! - **One author writes**, “Of course, as Christians, we are all acquainted with the Holy Trinity - *The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit*. As good is the opposite of evil, there is a Holy Trinity and an unholy trinity. When Satan is cast out of heaven, he will indwell and take full control of the antichrist. As God and Christ are one (John 10:30), so will Satan and the antichrist. The antichrist will only desire to do the will of Satan the father of all lies.

¹ Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary

The false prophet will complete the unholy trinity. Like the Holy Spirit, who compels men to Christ, he too will compel those of the earth to follow and worship the beast. His only mission will be to coerce men into following the antichrist or face death. In this sense, Satan will mimic the Holy Trinity with his own unholy version.”

- **ANTICHRIST RULERSHIP!** - Revelation ch. 13 – *Mark of the BEAST “666!”*

- **ANTICHRIST RUINATION!** - Revelation ch. 19:20; 20:10-15 - *“Lake of Fire!”*

> **Why will Jesus return?** To establish His “*Millennial Kingdom*” (**Rev. 20:2-7**). Listen to **Dwight Pentecost** from his book *Thy Kingdom Come*:

The Millennial Kingdom is the title given to the 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth. Some seek to interpret the 1000 years in an allegorical manner. Some understand the 1000 years as merely a figurative way of saying “a long period of time.” This results in some not expecting a literal, physical reign of Jesus Christ on the earth. However, six times in Revelation 20:2-7, the Millennial Kingdom is specifically said to be 1000 years in length. If God wished to communicate “a long period of time,” He could have easily done so without explicitly and repeatedly mentioning an exact time frame.

The Bible tells us when Christ returns to earth He will establish Himself as King in Jerusalem, sitting on the throne of David (Luke 1:32-33). The unconditional covenants demand a literal, physical return of Christ to establish the kingdom. The Abrahamic covenant promised Israel a land, a posterity and ruler, and a spiritual blessing (Genesis 12:1-3). The Palestinian covenant promised Israel a restoration to the land and occupation of the land (Deuteronomy 30:1-10). The Davidic covenant promised Israel forgiveness-the means whereby the nation could be blessed (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

At the second coming, these covenants will be fulfilled as Israel is re-gathered from the nations (Matthew 24:31), converted (Zechariah 12:10-14), and restored to the land under the rulership of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The Bible speaks of the conditions during the Millennium as a perfect environment physically and spiritually. It will be a time of peace (Micah 4:2-4; Isaiah 32:17-18); joy (Isaiah 61:7,10); comfort (Isaiah 40:1-2); and no poverty (Amos 9:13-15) or sickness (Joel 2:28-29). The Bible also tells us that only believers will enter the millennial kingdom. Because of this, it will be a time of complete righteousness (Matthew 25:37; Psalms 24:3-4); obedience (Jeremiah 31:33); holiness (Isaiah 35:8); truth (Isaiah 65:16); and fullness of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29). Christ will rule as king (Isaiah 9:3-7; 11:1-10), with David as regent (Jeremiah 33:15,17,21; Amos 9:11). Nobles and governors will also rule (Isaiah 32:1; Matthew 19:28). Jerusalem will be the “political” center of the world (Zechariah 8:3).

Revelation 20:2-7 simply gives the precise time period of the Millennial Kingdom. Even without these Scriptures, there are countless others that point to a literal reign of the Messiah on the earth. The fulfillment of many of God’s covenants and promises rest on a literal, physical, future kingdom. There is no solid basis to deny of literal understanding of the Millennial Kingdom and its duration being 1000 years.

