

# THE CHRISTIAN AND THE ANTICHRIST

I John 1:18-28

## Introduction:

A. An antichrist seems to have been connected with Jewish Eschatology.

1. Daniel 7:23ff

B. An antichrist is mentioned in N.T.

1. Mark 13:6.

"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

2. II Thess. 2:3,4.

"Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

a. This seems to be a single power.

b. Jesus and John speak of many antichrists coming before this one arises.

c. Many have tried to pinpoint the antichrist Nero, Roman Church, Hitler, Kruschef, etc.

## I . THE APPEARANCE OF ANTICHRISTS

A. v18 The antichrists of John's day the Knostics.

B. Appearance in the last day or a last day.

1. Last days of Gospel message.

a. Before it was the law and the prophets but now by Christ.

(1) Heb. 1:1-2.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds:"

- b. Last day for us for our days are short on the earth.
  - c. We may not see the antichrist but many antichrists.
  - d. Preaching of Gospel to four corners to precede the last days.
- (1) Mark 13:10.

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations."

## I I . ANTICHRISTS KNOWN

I John 2:19.

"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

- A. Known because they did not last. "Went out from us"
  - 1. How to reconcile the perseverance of saints with this passage.
    - a. Jesus said. "I know my sheep.. and they shall never perish."
    - b. Paul said nothing can separate us from love of God.
    - c. John says they went out because "they were not all of us."
    - d. Had never been one of us is this not the story of Judas.
- B. Known because they do not hold to doctrine of Christ.
  - 1. Knostics could never accept that Jesus was both human and divine.
  - 2. Many religions carry the name Christian but deny the virgin birth, atonement.
    - a. New birth.

3. I do not mean one is lost because he slips off into sin, but a real sheep desires to be in the flock.

### III. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHRISTIAN AND ANTICHRIST.

A. Christian has anointing of Holy Spirit.

1. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God.

2. Romans 8:16.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God;"

B. Holy Spirit to guide unto all truth.

1. Holy Spirit will not allow us to be deceived if we will only allow him to direct.

C. Antichrist is a liar.

1. I John 2:22-23.

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father; he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

2. Satan author of all lies.

### IV. CHRISTIAN ABIDES IN CHRIST AND CHRIST IN THE CHRISTIAN.

I John 2:24-27.

"Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you; but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

1. No place for wishy-washy people.
2. Promised eternal life for abiding.
3. For non-abiding promise is death.

B. Abiding Christ (Holy Spirit) teaches does not mean that we do not need some schooling and study, but as we study scripture with open mind He will reveal truths unto us.

1. Truth may be taught but only the Spirit of God can cause one to -----it. I speak of spiritual truths.
  - a. A dog cannot be taught right and wrong but a child can. Man has a moral sense that God can speak to.

C. Abide that we be not ashamed at his coming.

1. I John 2:28.

"Now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming."

2. God knows whether you abide in him.
  - a. Repented, been born again.
3. To abide is to live close to the saviour, to live close is to keep sin out of our lives and to do his will.