

Antchrist

I have just talked about false Christ's in this newsletter and was talking with a few over the weeks and the topic of Antichrist came up and we wondered how they could be tied in. Please don't get me wrong I am not saying any preachers are antichrist, I would never go there! Let's look at some scripture on it..... **1John 2v18-25; John Wesley said this 1Jn 2:18** - *My little children, it is the last time - The last dispensation of grace, that which is to continue to the end of time, is begun. Ye have heard that antichrist cometh - Under the term antichrist, or the spirit of antichrist, he includes all false teachers and enemies to the truth; yea, whatever doctrines or men are contrary to Christ. It seems to have been long after this that the name of antichrist was appropriated to that grand adversary of Christ, "the man of sin," 2Th_2:3 Antichrist, in St. John's sense, that is, antichristianism, has been spreading from his time till now; and will do so, till that great adversary arises, and is destroyed by Christ's coming.*

Matthew henry another commentator on the Bible said this 1Jn 2:18-23 - *Every man is an antichrist, who denies the Person, or any of the offices of Christ; and in denying the Son, he denies the Father also, and has no part in his favour while he rejects his great salvation. Let this prophecy that seducers would rise in the Christian world, keep us from being seduced. The church knows not well who are its true members, and who are not, but thus true Christians were proved, and rendered more watchful and humble. True Christians are anointed ones; their names expresses this: they are anointed with grace, with gifts and spiritual privileges, by the Holy Spirit of grace. The great and most hurtful lies that the father of lies spreads in the world, usually are falsehoods and errors relating to the person of Christ. The unction from the Holy One, alone can keep us from delusions. While we judge favourably of all who trust in Christ as the Divine Saviour, and obey his word, and seek to live in union with them, let us pity and pray for those who deny the Godhead of Christ, or his atonement, and the new-creating work of the Holy Ghost. Let us protest against such antichristian doctrine, and keep from them as much as we may.*

I think they are basically referring to someone who vehemently denies or fights against Christianity. What about some people who all they ever do is talk about themselves, how good or bad they were, what they have done for the community, or how there "Ministry" is blessed, I have also heard preachers preach against other denominations too like Catholics, Anglicans, Presbyterians, even some Pentecostal churches as well, what about those instances? I mean, we are not God, so we can not judge the person, but the scripture clearly tells us to judge the message! Read **1John 4v1-6**. We are to judge the spirit of the message, in other words what does the message really say, does it say God loves you, he cares for you, he wants you to tell others? Or does it just say God will give you this, or that, God can do if you give to us financially, there has been a lot of that around over the years!

Yes, God does want to bless us financially, but it is to be a blessing to others too! Read **Deut 8v18**. Is the central message you are hearing "Christ" and him crucified? I mean yeah yeah we have heard that a million times, but we need to hear it more, why? Because how many of us actually go and tell the lost that exact thing? Didn't Jesus come to die for the sinner, isn't that the important message? Yes, we all need to grow in things of the word of God, but that is us, not others, we still have the great commandment to obey ourselves yet! There are sinners dyeing and going to hell even as you read this.

For anything to be Anit Christ all it has to be is against Jesus and his teaching, or look at it this way anything that does not glorify God but rather glorifies self! Again Jesus said in **Matt 12v30; Matt 6v24; Mark 9v40; Luke 9v50**. Any man who is not for me is against me, are people you hanging around "for Jesus" or "against him"? Do they glorify Jesus, is **He** the central focus of conversation, thoughts and actions? Sometimes I wonder when all people can do is rave on about themselves if they have anything in their life to really talk about? Testimonies are great, but isn't the testimony of Jesus even greater!

Just the last few nights, I have had a few phone calls from people via the web site asking for help, specifically to do with death and funeral expenses etc etc.... Thankfully they were or are Christians, unfortunately we are not really set up to help financially, but spiritually we are, and I gave some great advice that I gave glory to God for on how to conduct a funeral service and also at the same time help the family financially, if I had of had \$5000 to send them, maybe I would have and who would have got the glory? Bikers 4 Christ, not God! It would have been anti Christ, think about it. We can not share any glory with God, all Glory must go to him! But as it was, I got to share with the lady how God had shown me a little thing that can be said during a service to help the grieving family, and it does and has with the last half a dozen or so funerals I have been at.

Yes, anti Christ may be a big picture of a devil and his henchmen creating havoc in the world at the end times, but there are always small pictures along the way to create the bigger picture, and the smaller ones are to get us focused on self, me, mine, I want, bless me God club forget about Jesus or basically stuff everyone else! I think most Christians sadly look at the word Christ as Jesus' last name, it isn't, it is his title, the anointed one! When I say this I mean it with a capital T, - **THE** Anointed one!! Someone was telling me about some preachers the other day who started off on one topic of the Bible which was supposed to continue for a week, and then they got onto "Love", apparently they have now spoken on that topic for over a week, God really wants to get this message out to people, we need to love, without love there is nothing, what does the anointing really do in our lives?

Have a read of **Luke 4v 18**. If we are not for Jesus we are against him don't forget! So if we are not doing these things what are we doing? Jesus quoted this scripture from the book of Isaiah who was prophesying Jesus coming. For an "antichrist" spirit to work it has to be against the spirit of what Jesus told us to do. One great preacher quoted "for evil to prevail, good men need only to do nothing"! If we do nothing, what is the use of being a Christian? To get saved and get to heaven! I know that we are saved by grace and not by works, but our works will be judged, it doesn't say good works either it just says "works" which means they can be good or bad! Not only that but also, if we are saved, the Holy Spirit dwells within us like the bible says in **2Cor 4v13** then if there is no outworking, I doubt there is any inward working!

The anointing is supposed to destroy yokes and break bondages over peoples lives! I have seen some Christians, pastors and ministries create more burdens and more yokes and a heavier load for others than when they first started as Christians. I know of one man that asked a Pastor for a loan of \$20 on the purchase of a car from him, (he was \$20 short of the price) I will not repeat what was said. That young Christian no longer walks with God, hates that pastor and the church in general. This is exactly what an antichrist does, causes people to hate God, hate the church, hate others! Unfortunately it sometimes works through good, honest, well meaning Christians too! Many preach about people taking offence, but there is another part of that verse, read it in **1Cor 10v32; 2Cor6v3; Mat 18v7**. Be careful what you say and do to others!