

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." 1 John 2:17-25.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." 1 John 4:1-6.

"And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." 2 John 1:6-11.

The Scriptures clearly show that anyone who denies Jesus is the Christ, anyone who does not confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh, whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, is antichrist.

This is confirmed in the Greek meaning of the word antichrist.

"500 antichristos, an *opponent of the Messiah*:- antichrist." Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

In Matthew Our Lord and Saviour said:-

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matthew 12:30-32.

He that is not for Christ is against Christ or is antichrist. Although this sin can be forgiven, the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, neither in this world or in the world to come. This is the one, unpardonable sin.

Then why do we hear so many people saying that 'THE Antichrist' is soon to be revealed, and that this must happen before Jesus Christ Second Coming?

Paul tells us this:-

"That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 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, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thessalonians 2:2-4.

Who is to be revealed? The man of sin, the son of perdition. What is this person like? This person is

opposed to God and exalteth himself above all, or putting it another way he is antichrist.

**Although the man of sin is antichrist, he is not 'THE Antichrist', for John tells us that there are many antichrists.**

Satan is the original antichrist, and the one behind the antichrist spirit. He is the one who rebelled in heaven, wanting the honour that was given to the Son of God, and said in his heart that he would be like the most High (Isaiah 14:12-16).

Satan has used men all through history to oppose the Son of God, the promised messiah. Satan instigated a system of worship, which can be traced back to the Tower of Babel shortly after Noah's flood, to counterfeit the promised messiah. Today we call this system paganism. This pagan religion went world wide. In different places small alterations were made to this religion, but the basis for them all came from Satan. The world power at the time of Christ, Rome, was just one of the places that had this pagan religion for their state religion.

But there came a time when paganism in the Roman Empire gave place to the Papacy. The dragon had given to the beast "his power, and his seat, and great authority" This is, Satan then began to work through the papacy, just as he had formerly worked through paganism. Previous to the rise of the Papacy, all opposition to the law of God had been in the form of paganism, - God had been openly defied; but from that time the opposition was carried on under the guise of professed allegiance to Him. The Papacy, however, was no less the instrument of Satan than was pagan Rome; for all the power, the seat, and the great authority of the Papacy, were given it by the dragon. And so, although the pope professes to be the Vicegerent of Christ, he is, in reality, the Vicegerent of Satan - he is antichrist.

"When the papal bull reached Luther, he said: 'I despise and attack it, as impious, false. . . . It is Christ Himself who is condemned therein. . . . I

rejoice in having to bear such ills for the best of causes. Already I feel greater liberty in my heart; for at last I know that the pope is antichrist, and that his throne is that of Satan himself.'--D'Aubigne, b. 6, ch. 9." <sup>1</sup>

"And Dr. Hopkins, in 'A Treatise on the Millennium,' declares: 'There is no reason to consider the antichristian spirit and practices to be confined to that which is now called the Church of Rome. The Protestant churches have much of antichrist in them, and are far from being wholly reformed from . . . corruptions and wickedness.'--Samuel Hopkins, Works, vol. 2, p. 328." <sup>2</sup>

"Modern spiritualism, resting upon the same foundation, is but a revival in a new form of the witchcraft and demon worship that God condemned and prohibited of old. . . Spiritualism, by denying Christ, denies both the Father and the Son, and the Bible pronounces it the manifestation of antichrist." <sup>3</sup>

Yes, antichrist is here, and, from everything that the Scriptures tell us about antichrist, the antichrist spirit has been around since Lucifer sinned in heaven which was before this world was created. At the time of Noah's great world wide flood, of all the hundred of thousands of people living on the earth there were only 8 righteous, who went into the ark and were saved. In the time of Jesus Christ, although many multitudes of the poor followed Him, many more people, those of influence and power, were against Christ and eventually swayed the crowds and killed Him. In the last days we will see the same thing. Many will have a form of Godliness, but deny the power thereof (2 Timothy 3:5), by conforming to the world instead of being separate from it. In Revelation 18 all of God's people are told to separate. Why?

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage

of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:1-5.

If we do not separate we will be partakers of her sins, and receive of her plagues. What was the sin of ancient Babylonians? They were pagans or antichrist.

May we all separate from everything that is pagan or antichrist that we do not receive the antichrist spirit instead of the Holy Spirit.

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# ANTICHRIST IS HERE!!!

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BUT  
even now there are many antichrists!

All Bible texts are from the King James Version.

Antichrist is here? Yes, and has been for many years as this claim was made by the apostle John, and can be found in 1 John 2:18.

If antichrist is here and has been here since the days of the disciples, who do we define as antichrist.

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 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. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 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: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard