

Antichrist in the Church

Satan is the god of this present evil world II Corinthians 4:4. His strategy has always been to destroy true Christianity by replacing the gospel with his own philosophy and doctrines I Timothy 4:1. In his day, the apostle Paul warned of those who were preaching “another Jesus, and another gospel” and the people were receiving “another spirit” II Corinthians 11:4. It took a three full centuries, but true Christianity died, and the entire world suffered through twelve hundred years of spiritual darkness, with the spirit of antichrist seated as the head of “the church” II Thessalonians 2:4.

The reformation of the sixteenth century came as a breath of life and a ray of light to millions who were held captive to a church system that actually believed it “pleased God” to torture and execute those who dared to contradict their doctrines, traditions, and dictates. The eighteenth century brought perhaps the greatest missionary movement of all time, which began with an outpouring of the Spirit upon the “Moravian Brethren” who expressed the result of their gospel as “saving faith brings both holiness and happiness.” Shortly thereafter came the sanctified revival with the Wesley brothers; a “revival” that began in England and spread across America until the gospel of Christ was preached from sea to sea. At the turn of the twentieth century came the greatest outpouring of the Holy Ghost since the day of Pentecost, a “revival” that swept around the world with great demonstrations of the Spirit and power I Corinthians 2:4, and continued for above fifty years until it began to ebb in the late fifties. During the first four centuries after the reformation each revival exceeded the one before it to the extent it seemed we were on a projected path to reach the entire world for Jesus in a very short time. Shortly after mid twentieth century, however, something changed, and during what many believed to be the greatest revival of them all, we lost America and the western world.

I received a vision from the Lord in July, 1969, in which I saw “another spirit” come to the churches, pretending to be the “Holy Ghost.” I watched as those who received this “other spirit” began to “exalt themselves” instead of Jesus. The apostle Paul warned of this, saying, “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy...” I Timothy 4:1. As a result of the “other gospel” that is being preached, the sin problem in the churches is the same as in the unbelieving world, and the ministers seem to have no answer other than another principle to obey, or another step plan to join, both of which are “another gospel,”

and not that which the apostles preached.

The message preached by the apostles Peter Mark 8:29, Paul Acts 17:2-3, and John I John 5:1, as well as Apollos Acts 18:28 was very simple; “Jesus is the Christ!” Every Jew knew the prophecies of “the Christ” long before they heard of Jesus of Nazareth. They understood that He would come as “the seed of the woman” Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14 to “bruise the head of the serpent” and “destroy the works of the devil” I John 3:8. Foremost among all the prophecies, they knew “the Christ” would come to “make an end of sins” and “bring in everlasting righteousness” Daniel 9:24-25. The wonderful “good news” of the gospel was simply “The Christ has come! Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ!” Those who believed the message received Christ, and as John said, “...as many as received him, to them gave he power (privilege) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” John 1:12. Their sin was “taken away” I John 3:5, out of their heart Acts 15:8-9 and nature, and God gave them a “new Spirit” Ezekiel 36:26, to partake of the divine nature II Peter 1:4, because they were “born of God” I John 5:1.

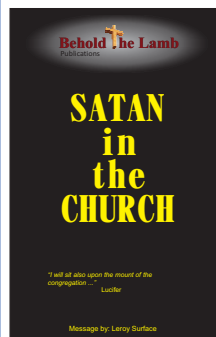
Jesus commissioned His disciples to “preach the gospel” to every person in the entire world. Proclaim to them that “the Christ has come,” and “Jesus is the Christ.” Jesus said, “He that believeth...shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned.” The Greek word translated in this verse as “believeth not” speaks of a “disbeliever;” those who would “hear the truth” and refuse to believe it. The word “saved” has never meant “saved from Hell while we continue in sin” Matthew 1:21. Everything “the Christ” came into the world to do, He does in the heart and nature of everyone who knows the truth John 8:31:32. That is what Jesus meant by “saved.”

Jesus said those who “...believeth not shall be damned.” This is not only “eternal damnation,” but those who refuse to believe the truth actually “damn themselves” to continually struggle in this life and never be “free from sin.” Recent statistics that tell us a majority in the “church” regularly watch pornography is proof that the “church” has not only lost its

way, it has also lost the truth of the gospel of Christ. Those who tell the people their sinful addictions are not “sin” but only “chemical imbalances” in their brain, must believe in their heart that “salvation” could come in the form of another “pill.” When churches have their young people lying on the graves of “departed saints” to receive “their anointing,” we know those “churches” do not know either Christ or the Spirit which is of God. Need I say more?

Jeremiah 50:6: “My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place.”

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Lucifer

Satan has always desired to sit in God’s house and be worshiped as God. Has he succeeded in his ambition? This message was first preached in 1974 and first published in 1988, but it is a message that is even more relevant today than then.

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