

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

July 8, 2012

The Message:

The Antichrist

1 John 2:18-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday July 11 Parable of the Sower.

Sunday July 15 Deacons' Meeting.

** The new chairs and the added security measures that were not covered by insurance were purchased from the building fund . If you would like to help restore it, please mark your check "building fund."

** If anyone would like to be baptized, please see Drue. We will try to set up a service this summer.

	May	Total 2012	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 8,453.00	\$41,016.94		\$5,496.89	\$10,776.00
Expenses	8,498.20	43,278.22		Benevolence	6,821.00
Balance	(45.20)	(-2,261.28)	\$ 14,235.75	\$ 913.74	3,955.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

The Message:

Being a Witness in the Last Days

Rapture Ready

1 Thes 4:13-18

The Antichrist *1 John 2:18-24*

2:18 E.T./L.T. = Children, it is a last hour; and just as you heard that *the* Antichrist is going to come, even now many antichrists have come into existence; from this we know with certainty that it is a last hour.

2:19 E.T./L.T. = They went out from us, but kept on being not of us; for if kept on being of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, in order that it might be shown that they all are not with us.

1 John 2:20 = Divine Protection

E.T./L.T. = but you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

Summary:

1. The Gnostics claimed to have a special anointing that gave them superior insight into the Word of God.
2. Jesus the Messiah is "The Anointed One." Luke 4:18-19; Acts 4:27-28; 10:38-39; Heb 1:8-9
3. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is given to all Christians at the moment of salvation. John 16:13; cf 14:17; 15:26 cf 1 Cor 12:13; 2 Cor 1:21
4. It is clear that the "anointing" from the Holy Spirit is connected to our relationship by faith to "The Anointed One."
5. The real anointing does not contradict scripture, but illuminates it.
6. John writes to remind them of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, whom they have observed at work in their lives.

Principle: _____ Believers are anointed by the Holy Spirit, as priests to God.

1 John 2:21 = Comment On Writing

E.T./L.T. = I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of The Truth.

Summary:

1. Man's arrogant quest for fame leads to claims of special revelation and legalistic enslavement of others. Col 2:16-23
2. Antichrists claim special information (often that it is from Holy Spirit) that contradicts basic tenets of Scripture.
 - A. The God who became man.
 - B. He died for our sins.
 - C. Universal indwelling Holy Spirit of the Believer.
 - D. Resurrection.
 - E. Jesus Christ was perfect.
3. Requirements for knowing the truth:
 - A. No unconfessed sins. 1 John 1:9
 - B. Desire to do His will. John 7:17
 - C. Obedience. 1 John 2; John 8:31-32

Principle: God's messengers proclaim the truth while a receptive attitude and the Holy Spirit _____ absorb words from The Truth. Cf 1 Tim 6:3

1 John 2:22 = The Main Lie

E.T./L.T. = Who is the liar but the one who is denying that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who is denying the Father and the Son.

1 John 2:23 = All Or Nothing

E.T./L.T. = Everyone who is denying the Son is not having *fellowship with* the Father; the one who confesses the Son is having *fellowship* the Father.

1 John 2:24 = Application

E.T./L.T. = As for you, let that keep abiding in you which you have heard from a beginning (the gospel). If what you heard from a beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and the Father.

Summary:

1. As long as a person denies that Jesus is the Messiah, they are functioning like an antichrist.
2. If that belief is never broken by acceptance of the gospel and perpetuated to physical death, since it is blasphemy of the Holy Spirit the individual will go to hell. 1 John 5:8-12
3. When believers deny the Son fellowship with the Father is broken and thus their relationship with God is not growing.
4. The gospel of salvation by grace through faith is the foundation of a growing relationship with God.
5. Confession of the doubt and adjustment of the attitude restores the opportunity for fellowship and relationship with God.
6. The most basic lie of the antichrists is that Jesus is not the Messiah.
7. Antichrists deny Jesus' origin, person and work.
8. The Gnostics denied Christ's true humanity. Php 2:6-8
9. John is not talking about simply professing a creed but having fellowship and relationship with the Living God.
10. John is warning these believers to not depart from the faith by attaching to a "statement of faith" that is contrary to sound doctrine.
11. Where the truth of God's word abides there also will be God's fellowship. John 14:23; cf 8:31-32
12. Let us not be corrupted from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 2 Cor 11:1-5
13. Beware of the subtle and refined denials of Jesus' true identity.

Principle: _____ of Christianity will mark the last days. 2 Tim 3:5

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Summary:

1. Jesus is the Prototype for the Rapture of His Bride. Rev 12:5
 - A. Enoch was the first to be _____ in this way. Heb 11:5-7
 - B. Philip the evangelist got a " _____ " of the Rapture on an evangelistic trip. Acts 8:39
 - C. Paul "tasted" the _____ of the Rapture. 2 Cor 12:1-4
2. The Rapture is a:
 - A. Taking by _____.
 - B. _____ from one form to another. Heb 7:12
 - C. _____ into a new body. 1 Cor 15:51-52
3. The Lord Raptures us because His power has defeated _____.
 Matt 12:28-29
 - A. It is a worldwide display of His _____. 1 Cor 15:50-58
 - B. No power exists that can _____ you from the Lord's hand.
 John 10:27-30
4. World powers try to hinder the spread of God's _____
 wherever possible.
 - A. By _____ the gospel. Matt 13:19
 - B. By _____ the gospel. Jude 4
 - C. By trying to build their own _____. Matt 11:12
 - D. Even, well-meaning but misguided disciples once tried to "rapture"
 Jesus to make Him _____. John 6:15
5. False shepherds _____ from Satan and he snatches the sheep.
 John 10:12-13
6. A test of true spiritual love is the desire to see those doubting the Lord to
 be "snatched" from the _____. Jude 1:22-23
7. We are to be _____ to meet The Master at all times. Matt 25:1-13; 1
 Cor 15:58