

4 Marks of the Spirit of Antichrist in the Church

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I'm hoping to focus your attention on the spirit of Antichrist in the Church today. The situation has become so apparent to me that I must tell you a bit of what I see as it relates to Scripture. The spirit of the Antichrist will follow a move of God because it's Satan's last move against God's last move. I'm speaking about Satan's final opposition to what God intends to do.

As I read Scripture I see that the spirit of Antichrist contains **four** distinctive **marks**. They're described in 1 John 2:18-26 NKJV, "*Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many Antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is Antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.*"

This scripture is *really* important for believers today. Did you notice that "they went out *from us* but they were not *of us*? If they had been *of us* they would have continued with us. Instead they went *out* that it might be made manifest that they were not all of us. I believe it is here in scripture that we find the first mark.

1. The **first mark** is that the Antichrist begins in association with the Church. I can't say this strongly enough. There is **no** more suitable place for the Antichrist to arise than through the compromised Church. The current state of the Church has everything in place for the move of the Antichrist. It has everything he needs. I'm not talking about denominations but the Church in general. Today's Christian Church, with a few awesome exceptions, is lawless. It's undisciplined. It's crazy about the supernatural (a deception the Antichrist uses falsely). It's imbalanced. It's largely ignorant of scripture. The Holy Spirit is *for* the Church but He is not *in* every Church. The Church is as ripe as ever for the Antichrist to come on the scene.

This is a shocking thing to say but I really believe it's fact. And if we close our eyes to it, we become susceptible to being deceived ourselves. I am not completely familiar with the Church outside of the U.S.A. But I know this country intimately well. I've watched many things take place over six decades. I believe the Church in America is the primary target of Satan in this hour. The world (those not part of God's family) already belong to Satan. He already owns them. He's after God's children. We see the culture of the world racing toward the Antichrist, ripe for his appearing. But it is the enemy of Satan—the body of Christ—that Satan is trying desperately to deceive and to lead astray. He is using new and compromised doctrine which is causing believers to waver and wander

on what is true.

2. The **second mark** of the spirit of Antichrist, is denial that Jesus is Messiah. This is also very important. More and more, churches and even some denominations have become so indoctrinated with what is “politically correct” in our culture and not wanting to offend anyone, they have taken “*Jesus as the Messiah and the only way to God*” out of the message. In 1 John 2:22 it says, “*Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?*”

Let’s look at the meaning of the word *Christ*. Christ comes from *Christos*, a Greek word that means “the anointed One,” or “the chosen One.” The Hebrew word meaning the same thing is *Mashiach*, or as we know it—Messiah. This scripture is referring to ONE specific individual—not a *type* of person. The One and only Messiah, Jesus.

3. The **third mark** comes in the next verse. “*Whoever denies the Son (Jesus) does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.*” 1 John 2:23. The Father and Son go together—they are inseparable. Once Jesus came and proclaimed *Who He was* through His word and deed, fulfilling Bible prophecy to the letter, we must either accept or reject Him. The Antichrist perverts and denies the Godhead of the persons of the Father and the Son. Interestingly, he does not deny God, but does deny the Father and the Son relationship. He wants badly to *detour away from Jesus as being our only way to God*.
4. Let’s find the **fourth mark** in 1 John 4:3 “*...and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*”
Let me say it clearly. Every person who makes the confession (based on their belief), that Jesus is the Messiah and that He came in the flesh, is of God. But every person who denies Jesus as Messiah is not of God. And the Bible tells us this is that spirit of Antichrist.

The spirit of Antichrist denies that the Messiah has already come. It doesn’t necessarily deny there will be a messiah. No, in fact the Antichrist will pose as the Messiah when he arrives in the flesh. But even now, in preparation for his appearing, the denial that the Messiah has already come is of Antichrist, as Satan is reserving that title for himself. This erroneous doctrine is being preached today—that Jewish people, for example, do not need to believe in Jesus as Messiah to be saved. This is untrue and is directly contrary to what God says in His word.

In summary, these four marks *first* begin in association with the church—in our churches. *Secondly*, it denies that Jesus is Messiah. *Thirdly* it denies the Father and the Son relationship. *Fourthly* it denies that Messiah has already come. Let me warn the reader using 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8. “*Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself*

that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.”

Friends, let no man deceive you. Simply stated, an apostasy is a deliberate turning away from revealed truth. I have believed for several decades that the apostasy is beginning even now. The stage is being set. We live in perilous times prophesied about for our protection. God made certain we would have the revelation so that those who are diligent in following the truth of God’s Word, will not be deceived and lead astray. All seem to recognize that the world is spiritually heating up and the spirit of Antichrist is growing stronger. We are each responsible to know God’s Word and allow His Spirit to guide us so that we will not be deceived.

Let me close this letter by encouraging you to allow truth to abide in you. Look at this. *“Therefore, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.”* 1 John 2:24-26

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