



GOD'S LOVE DESTROYS THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST

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Scripture Text:

1 John 4:1-4 KJV Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (2) Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: (3) 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. (4) 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.

1 John 4:12-15 KJV No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. (13) Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. (14) And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. (15) Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

Message:

The subject of ANTICHRIST is a very popular issue in Christian circles today, and is actually a multi-million dollar marketing issue with many Christian profit mongers.

I know of no other issue that has been so twisted and distorted from true context in the bible than the issue of antichrist.

Most feel it is a coming man of evil who takes the military aspects of the world and threatens to wreak havoc on the earth against the church.

Sad to say, though, most of what people have been taught to believe about antichrist is patently incorrect.

- And little wonder, for the real issue of antichrist is actually Satan's greatest form of attack in this world.
- The one thing Satan is set to destroy through this spirit of antichrist is GOD MANIFEST IN FLESH.
- JESUS COME IN FLESH.
- Today people all over the world are thinking of Christ's resurrection.
- However, the devil doesn't mind us celebrating it if we do not believe Christ was actually God manifest in flesh.
- He doesn't mind us thinking Christ simply started a new religion or that another religious leader was martyred.
- But the one thing he is terrified to face is the belief of and activity resulting from faith in JESUS

COME IN FLESH.

- Saying Jesus came in flesh is saying He existed before the birth in Bethlehem, and that means He is God.

The reason this is the devil's greatest weapon is due to the thought that Jesus come in flesh is his greatest fear.

Jesus came in flesh to destroy the works of the devil.

- What could be more threatening to the devil than that?

When He was born, Herod set out to destroy Him because Satan possessed this king and sought to defeat what would destroy his own works.

- Jesus was baptized 30 years later and announced as Son of God, and we do not read two verses after that announcement until Satan is there to tempt and defeat Him again.
- All through His ministry, Israel's religious leaders set out to destroy Him and silence Him.
- Eventually He left them incarcerate Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, and lead Him away for execution.
- But the work of the cross was the whole purpose He came.

He was born in flesh and died in flesh, was buried in flesh and resurrected in flesh to destroy the works of the devil that made us sinners, and to get us back into the hands of God, freed from sin for God's will.

You see, the purpose of God stretches back to Adam, and here is where the spirit of antichrist also began.

- God wanted His LIFE in mankind's flesh so as to manifest in man and destroy the works of the devil.
- And speaking of those who have received God's Spirit today, Jesus is still IN THE FLESH, and the devil is STILL TERRIFIED OF IT.

John said we overcome the ones who deny Jesus came in flesh because "greater is he THAT IS IN YOU than he that is in the world."

- The fact that HE IS IN US, proves HE CAME IN FLESH!
- As Much as God came in flesh in Christ, He is in us.

The spirit of antichrist attacked the very core of the thought Jesus came in flesh.

- Having come in flesh implies Jesus existed BEFORE Bethlehem, and is therefore, God.
- Israel denied Jesus was God.
- They denied Jesus was Messiah on the very basis that He claimed He was God.

John 5:17-18 KJV But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. (18) Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

When Christ is in OUR FLESH, we likewise OBEY THE FATHER'S WILL, having the FATHER INSIDE US.

Jesus claimed His works were not originating in his flesh.

John 14:8-12 KJV Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. (9) Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen

me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? (10) Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. (11) Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. (12) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Jesus fully operated from the SOURCE of the FATHER IN HIM.

- God in flesh.
- And the fact that this Son of God was BORN in Bethlehem with God in His flesh makes Him quite different from ourselves since God does not come into our flesh until His Spirit baptizes us.
- He indwelt Christ since before the fetus was born!
- The fact of God indwelling flesh was the very ORIGIN of that fetus!

-John 5:19 "...the son of man can do nothing of himself..."

-John 5:30 "...I can of mine own self do nothing..."

-John 8:28 "...I do nothing of myself..."

-John 12:50 "... even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."

And after saying the Father was in HIM, as the reason for His works, He said we would do greater works. If He did works because the Father was in Him, and we will do greater than what He did, it is no wonder He said He'd go to the Father so we would do those works.

- The FATHER IN HIM was the reason He did them.
- And the reason we will do greater works will be due to the FATHER IN US as well.

The Antichrist spirit fought this.

Mark 12:35-37 KJV And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David? (36) For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. (37) David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

Matthew 22:42-46 KJV Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. (43) He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, (44) The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? (45) If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? (46) And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

Jesus was PROVING from scripture that the MESSIAH, David's Son, was ALSO GOD, because David called His own Son "LORD".

- How can he be David's son if David called Him Lord?
- Answer: MESSIAH IS GOD IN FLESH.
- Jews still are stumped by this word of Jesus.

And that spirit still works today.

- It denies Jesus Christ.
- It denies Jesus is GOD IN FLESH.

This spirit has been around for much longer than 2000 years, though.

- Satan has been attacking the thought of GOD MANIFESTING IN HUMAN FLESH from the dawn of mankind.

But John said WE OVERCOME THIS SPIRIT IN THE WORLD.

This spirit has been working since the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 2:9 KJV And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:17 KJV But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Satan sought to get MAN's body full of mere knowledge instead of God's LIFE.

- He did not want GOD'S LIFE IN MAN.
- This is ANTICHRIST.
- Deny Jesus to come in flesh.

And so many Christian circles do not promote God in flesh but acquisition of knowledge of what is good and what is evil.

That which is merely of knowledge is no threat against antichrist.

Antichrist is not a MAN coming in our future, but ONLY A SPIRIT.

A spirit denying Jesus came in flesh.

And John said that LOVE in our LIVES is GOD IN FLESH.

1 John 4:12 KJV No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

We have GOD in us.

- And this is JESUS IN FLESH.
- And WHEN WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, though they cannot see God, THEY SEE GOD IN FLESH as they see HIM LOVE IN OUR FLESH!

1 John 4:13 KJV Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

We know He is in us because we manifest what is OF HIM.

- Part of HIS SPIRIT is IN US!
- The love in our lives is FROM HIS SPIRIT BEING INSIDE US!
- THAT PROVES antichrist is wrong.

The greatest threat against man is the spirit of antichrist.

- So much so that the devil even got the understanding of this issue all messed up to be a military leader in the world who is evil.
- John is the only one who ever spoke of ANTICHRIST, and said it was a SPIRIT and there was not THE ANTICHRIST man.
- The devil caused this confusion because he wants to get us away from the real spirit of antichrist which is denying GOD DWELLING IN FLESH.

- What has an evil military ruler got to do with attacking the tree of life and the fruit of life?
- NOTHING!
- When we learn what the true spirit of antichrist is, we will recognize the devil's greatest weapon of attack and his original fear in the Garden!

But God is showing souls who want to know that the BIBLE says and not what traditions has twisted it to say.

Satan is in trouble!

Jesus was sold out to the Father.

John 14:30-31 KJV Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. (31) But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

There was no opportunity for the devil to cast Christ down.

John 18:38 KJV Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

What assurance to know the devil is coming at you and has NOTHING to take advantage of inside you!

He not only had to keep GOD's Life from getting inside Adam, but had to put something else in him that HE COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE of.

And when we LOVE EACH OTHER, the devil can do nothing!

We prove God DID come in flesh, and it ruins all Satan's attempts in denying that.

- Why would Satan ever want to deny this?
- It is because the devil DOES NOT WANT A MAN TO BE INSPIRED BY GOD INSIDE TO DESTROY HIS WORKS!

God chose to do NOTHING in this world without MAN's involvement, because MAN was set to be HIS TEMPLE and VEHICLE and to come in union with God and WORK FOR HIM.

1 Corinthians 6:13-20 KJV Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. (14) And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. (15) Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. (16) What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. (17) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. (18) Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. (19) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (20) For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Meats are created for God in this world to suit our needs to eat, and our bellies are created to hunger for these very foods.

- And OUR BODIES WERE CREATED FOR CHRIST AND CHRIST WAS MADE FOR OUR BODIES.
- This means HE HAD TO DIE PHYSICALLY BECAUSE OUR BODIES HOLDING SIN AND

HAVING COMMITTED SINS, MUST DIE.

- And our bodies were made to be HIS TEMPLE for HIM TO INDWELL THEM.

We were made to HOUSE CHRIST'S SPIRIT!

And when we fight one another and fuss with one another, it is all rooted in the fact that we are overly concerned with the very thing Satan used to get something inside Adam and Eve to lord over them. SELF EXALTATION.

- If we really LOVED each other, LOVE COVERS MULTITUDES OF SINS.

1 Peter 4:8 KJV And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

James 5:20 KJV Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

We will overlook the faults of others if we love them!

- And that will stop us from fussing, for we only fuss over fault with others.

And we can love each other if we ensure we truly love God.

1 John 5:1-2 KJV Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. (2) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

When you love someone, anything you know they want is no hard task at all, because of that love.

- And if you love God you will love the ones born from Him, because He has more love for His children than anything.