

Spirit of Antichrist

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1 John 2:18–22 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not *really* of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. ²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. ²¹ 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. ²² Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

Antichrist is to say, “instead of Christ”. It also means **to oppose or be against Christ**.

The spirit of antichrist is that which comes from none other than Satan / the Devil who is spoken of in Holy scripture as **“the prince of the power of the air” and the “god of this age”**.

Satan offers an alternative to Christ. As the prince of the power of the air and the god of this age, Satan has a lot of resources and influence. When Antichrist comes, he will give the world what they want, and they will love him for it.

The true Christ came to give us what we all need: salvation from sin!

John 3:17–18 (NIV) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

Jesus came to save not to condemn because man is already condemned. Sin is against God. Sin opposes Christ! **God’s holy response to sin is wrath**.

Sin opposes holiness and without holiness no man will see God! Reconciliation requires the death of sin! Jesus took the sentence of death upon Himself. Through His blood, enmity with God is ended and peace with God is obtained.

Now God requires every man to repent! To not repent is to deny and reject Christ. Jesus is coming back in the sky to call up His church to deliver them from the day of wrath – the “Wrath of the Lamb!”

Jesus will judge the earth and pour out the wrath of God upon all who rejected Him for the spirit of antichrist – all who chose the world instead of Him! All who opposed Him in Sin

“For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” **Mark 8:36–37**

Philippians 2:10–11 At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 1:12–13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Matthew 10:33 But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.