

Overcoming the Spirit of Antichrist

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We know that Jesus is the offspring of woman...

Galatians 4:4–5 (ESV) — But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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This offspring of the serpent is known by various names in the Scripture...

- **The lawless one**
- **The son of destruction**

2 Thessalonians 2:3–12 (ESV) — Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be

God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.

He is known as...

- **The beast**

Revelation 13:2b (ESV) — ... And to it [the beast] the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority.

But he is best known as ...

- **The Antichrist**

The work of the antichrist is already happening...

2 Thessalonians 2:7 (ESV) — For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

These are preparations for his coming in the full personification as Antichrist...

1 John 2:18 (ESV) — Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.

1 Timothy 4:1–2 (ESV) — 1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared

ONE THING

There are TWO opposing VOICES battling for the SOULS of humanity.

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The _____ _____ their _____ and _____ their _____ <i>This is the spirit of</i> _____	The _____ _____ our _____ to _____ all _____ <i>This is the Spirit of</i> _____
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→ Pic 2 Voices

The <u>WORLD</u> _____ their _____ and _____ their _____ <i>This is the spirit of</i> _____	The <u>LORD</u> _____ our _____ to _____ all _____ <i>This is the Spirit of</i> _____
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→ Pic 3 World Voice

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→ Pic 4 Lord's Voice

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→ Pic 5 Spirits

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1 John 4:1-6 (ESV) — Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world

listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

1. The DECEPTION of the Spirit of Antichrist

1 John 4:1 (ESV) — Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Ephesians 2:1–2 (ESV) — And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

John 8:44 (ESV) — You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

This spirit of antichrist denies Christ...

1 John 2:22 (ESV) — Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.

And deceives humanity...

2 John 7 (ESV) — For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

...performing false signs and wonders...

Matthew 24:24 (ESV) — For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

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2. The DOMINION of the Spirit of Antichrist

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1 John 4:5 (ESV) — They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

Luke 4:5–6 (ESV) — And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.

1. The DECEPTION of the Spirit of Antichrist!

2. The DOMINION of the Spirit of Antichrist!

3. The DETECTION of the Spirit of Antichrist

1 John 4:2–3 (ESV) — By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

2 Corinthians 11:3–4 (ESV) — But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

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1 John 4:4 (ESV) — Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

2 Thessalonians 2:8–12 (ESV) — And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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