

Overcoming the Spirit of Antichrist

Part 2

Revelation 12:11

Last week I preached a message on Overcoming the Spirit of Antichrist...

I knew this was going to be a strange subject for many...

It's difficulty resides in the fact that most believers think of Antichrist solely as an individual coming at the end of times...

THIS IS TRUE ... ALMOST!

Antichrist will be a person fully filled with the authority and power of Satan in the end times...

But the spirit of Antichrist is already among us ...

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.

The Antichrist is prophetically promised by the Lord all the way back in the Garden of Eden...

Genesis 3:15 (ESV) — I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

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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 2:3–6 (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 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

Last week I told you about the battle raging...

There are two opposing voices battling for the souls of humanity.

ONE THING

Because Jesus WON the victory on the CROSS, we can WALK in victory DAILY!

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The <u>WORLD</u> JUSTIFIES their SINS and CRUCIFIES their OBJECTORS <i>This is the spirit of ANTICHRIST</i>	The <u>LORD</u> CRUCIFIED our SINS to JUSTIFY all SINNERS <i>This is the Spirit of CHRIST</i>
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QUESTION #2

SO WHAT? - Why does it matter?

When we come to the book of Revelation many people place the primary focus on trying to understand the “WHEN” of events...

While the “WHEN” of these events is up for interpretation with much heated debate...

I want to generalize the “WHEN” to a time period

Today marks the beginning of Advent...

The Church has celebrated Advent for many years...

Advent means “arrival” and is for preparation for both Jesus’ first and second advent/arrival...

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The ___ Advent	The ____ but ____ yet	The ___ Advent
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→ Pic 2 - First 1

The <u>1st</u> Advent	The ____ but ____ yet	The ___ Advent
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→ Pic 3 - First 2

<u>The 1st Advent</u>	The — but — — yet	The — Advent
Birth Ministry Cross Death Resurrection Appearances Ascension		

→ **Pic 4 – Second 1**

<u>The 1st Advent</u>	The — but — — yet	The 2nd Advent
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→ **Pic 5 – Second 2**

<u>The 1st Advent</u>	The — but — — yet	<u>The 2nd Advent</u>
Birth Ministry Cross Death Resurrection Appearances Ascension		Final Victory Gathering Judgment New Heaven New Earth

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<u>The 1st Advent</u>	The <u>ALREADY</u> but <u>NOT yet</u>	<u>The 2nd Advent</u>
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Revelation chapters 12-13 are not only central IN the book, but central TO the book!

These chapters answer some very important questions...

The “WHO” question...

In chapters 12-13 there are SEVEN figures mentioned in the drama...

Who are the primary figures mentioned?

Primary figures of Revelation 12-13

- 1. The Woman**
- 2. The Child**
- 3. The Dragon**
- 4. The Angels**
- 5. The Church/Saints**
- 6. The Beast**
- 7. The Second Beast**

The “WHAT” question...

What is the primary drama?

The Cosmic War fought both in heaven and on earth

- **Began in the Garden of Eden,**
- **Was prophesied in the Old Testament,**

- **Was determined on Calvary,**
- **Is being carried out against the Church, and**
- **Will come to completion at the return of Jesus**

The “WHY” question...

Why is Satan warring against the Church?

The Church is God’s representative on earth and the constant reminder of Satan’s defeat!

The “HOW” question...

How does the Church overcome and conquer Satan?

This is our focus this morning!

Right in the middle of these two chapters we are told how the Church overcomes and lives in victory during this “ALREADY-BUT-NOT-YET” time...

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1. Our RELIANCE on the VICTORY of Jesus

Revelation 12:11 (ESV) — And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Leviticus 17:11 (ESV) — For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make

atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

Hebrews 9:22 (ESV) — Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

There is life in the blood!

In fact, Scripture tells us that the first human blood shed on earth cried out to God...

Genesis 4:8–10 (ESV) — Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground.

But the blood shed by Jesus speaks with greater power!

Hebrews 12:24 (ESV) — And to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

On the Cross, through blood soaked lips Jesus cried out...

John 19:30 (ESV) — ... “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

His shedding of blood and death brings us life!

Ephesians 2:13 (ESV) — But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

1 John 1:7 (ESV) — But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Because Jesus won the victory on the Cross, we can walk in victory daily!

1. Our RELIANCE on the VICTORY of Jesus!

2. Our RESISTANCE by our TESTIMONY in Jesus

Revelation 12:11 (ESV) — And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

The word, here translated, “testimony”, is the word where we get our word, “martyr”...

The word also means, “witness”...

➤ ***The witness of our Transformation!***

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) — Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Acts 1:8 (ESV) — But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

➤ ***The witness of our Liberation!***

Galatians 5:1 (ESV) — For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

James 4:7–8 (ESV) — Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...

1 Peter 5:8–9 (ESV) — Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

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3. Our RESILIENCE through our HOPE in Jesus

Revelation 12:11 (ESV) — And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Galatians 6:9 (ESV) — And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Philippians 1:21 (ESV) — For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Paul says, “For to me to live is CHRIST...”

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How would you finish that declaration?

“For to me to live is _____...”

If your answer is anything other than Jesus then...

- **Living is not overcoming!**
- **Dying is not gaining!**

Is what you are living for worth Jesus dying for?

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1. *Our _____ on the _____ of Jesus*

2. *Our _____ by our _____ in Jesus*

3. *Our _____ through our _____ in Jesus*