

• *1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, 2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 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, 4 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. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. 7 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. 8 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. 9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, 10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, 12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

- **The Counterfeit Christ**

- *The term “antichrist” translates from the Greek meaning: to oppose and to replace. The Antichrist seeks to oppose and replace Jesus Christ.*

- The Antichrist is the deceiver who will bring about the greatest deception in human history during the last days.
- *Abomination Desolation, Beast, Lawless One, Son of destruction...*
- **The Antichrist's primary work is deception.**
- Notice, there'll be many deceived, as well as many deceivers.
- **Do not be deceived.**
- The spirit of antichrist has been at work since the beginning of time.
- Whether through politics, abortion clinics, the courts, the legislature, public school teachings, false religious structures, religious legalism, television, the news media or Hollywood, the voice of the enemy is sounding off loud and clear.

- The half-hearted will become the cold-hearted. Spiritual stowaways will jump ship. Many church attenders will be exposed as faith pretenders.
- **They'll not only leave the faith, they'll make the lives of the faithful miserable.**
- **RIGHT NOW the Spirit of the Antichrist is conditioning the world to receive him.**
- **Growing rejection to God's word and Biblical morality.**
- We are seeing the spirit and the mystery of iniquity.
- We see lawlessness today all over the world.
- *Gender is now based on how you feel.*
  - *Gender reveal parties are under attack. They haven't decided yet.*
  - *California- Pedophilia is a preference and can now choose 10 years younger.*
- **There will be an outpouring of spiritual deception to incite the world to rebel against God.**

- *All around us are frequencies. There are only 2 in the spirit realm. Anti-Christ and Holy Spirit.*
- **Antichrist- deception. Holy Spirit- TRUTH!**
- **The Counterfeit Church**
- Antichrist will appear following a time of a religious apostasy, which the Bible calls “*a falling away.*” This refers to a time when organized, visible religion will depart from the doctrines of the Word of God.
- **48% Have not gone or watched C in last month.**
- Apostate- Falling from Truth
- *Pastors are being threatened to keep politics out of the Pulpit*
- **64% of pastors said they felt “limited” in their ability to speak out on “moral and social issues” due to those within their congregations**
- **Traded-** *Speak Lord for your servant is listening/listen Lord for our culture is speaking!*

- **That pastor doesn’t answer to you, he answers to GOD!** And when you demand he answers to you, you just took the place of God.
- Antichrist- political. This spirit threatens anyone that preaches to expose it. **IT WAS BIBLICAL BEFORE IT WAS POLITICAL!**
- **The Counterfeit Christian**
  - **Culturally relevant but Biblically illiterate.**
- We live in a world which can stand anything except someone who claims to know or stand for Biblical truth.
  - **Satan uses our ignorance to destroy us.**
- *35% Of Americans say they read scripture at least once a week, while 45% seldom or never read scripture*
- *24% of Americans believe Bible is literal word of God*
- *26% Bible is fables*
- *36% of Christians accept ideas associated with Marxism (atheistic).*

- *28% practicing Christians strongly agree that “all people pray to the same god or spirit, no matter **what name they use** for that spiritual being.*
- *Only 1/3 of Christians believe the devil is real.*
- *23% of CHRISTIANS believe that “what is morally right or wrong depends on what an individual believes.”*
- **Scales: Bible, Facts, Feelings, Culture**
- **Satan is anti-Christ, anti-church, anti-Israel, and he is anti-Bible**
  - **The spirit of antichrist hates anyone who names Jesus or stands for Biblical truth.**
- **Good news: There is a Restrainer!!! The Holy Spirit is the Restrainer**
- **The Holy Spirit lives in us.**
- He restrains through us as believers. ***The Holy Spirit helps the saints and hinders Satan***
- *Little girl kept falling out of bed. “I sleep too close to where I got in.”*

- 2 Signs before the rapture.
- ***26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 27 They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, 29 but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— 30 so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. Luke 17:26-30***
- Lots wife loved world more than she loved God.
- **Live Ready**