

The Antichrist

Google's dictionary - "(in some Christian teachings) a personal opponent of Christ expected to appear before the end of the world."

Wikipedia - "In Christian eschatology, the Antichrist or anti-Christ is someone recognized as fulfilling the Biblical prophecies about one who will oppose Christ and substitute himself in Christ's place."

Notice the teaching is that the Antichrist is just one person who is to only appear just before the end of the world. We've all heard this teaching at one time or another. Books have been written about it; movies have been made about it.

But what does the Bible say about the Antichrist? There are a total of four verses where the Antichrist is mentioned. Let's go through them one by one ...

I John 2:18 "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."

From this we learn that there is not just one Antichrist, but many. And we learn there were antichrists during the first century time period, not just future to us.

I John 2:2 "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."

An Antichrist then is anybody who denies that Jesus is the Christ. There have been many of those throughout history.

I John 4:3 "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."

An Antichrist is anybody who denies that Jesus Christ came in the flesh, and we see from this verse such existed way back when the Bible was written.

II John 1:7 "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."

Again an Antichrist is anybody who does not confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh.

Basically anybody that opposes Christ and the true doctrine about Christ could be appropriately called an Antichrist. There have been many like that since Christ came about 2000 years ago.

The lesson to be learned is this - Many preachers will make up just about anything to try to sensationalize what the Bible teaches. They are not satisfied to just take the plain and obvious meaning of Bible texts. **And if they will change the Bible's teaching on this subject to suite their own purposes, then they will do it on other subjects as well.**

The passages cited mention that if one denies the humanity of Christ is an Antichrist, but in principle, wouldn't someone who denies the deity of Christ also be an Antichrist? ...

- Isa 9:6 **unto us a child is born, ... His name shall be called ... The mighty God ...**
- Matt 1:23 ... **and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us**
- John 1:1, 14 **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word was made flesh**
- John 20:28 **And Thomas answered and said unto Him (Jesus), My Lord and my God.**
- Acts 20:28 ... **to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.**
- Rom 9:5 ... **Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever**
- Phil 2:6 **Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God (NIV), thought it not robbery to be equal with God**
- I Tim 3:16 ... **God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory**
- Tit 2:13 **Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**
- Heb 1:8 **But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever ...**

II John 9 **Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.**