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“TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES” PART 2

I JOHN 2 VS 20-25; 4 VS 1-6

LAST WEEK JOHN GAVE US THE FIRST MARK OF A FALSE TEACHER WHO IS CONTROLLED BY THE “**SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST**”:

I. **HE DEPARTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP** (I JOHN 2 VS 18-18)

AS WE LOOK AT THE VERSES FOR TODAY WE WILL FIND THE SECOND MARK OF A FALSE TEACHER WHO IS CONTROLLED BY THE “**SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST**”

- II. **HE DENIES THE FAITH** (I JOHN 2 VS 20-25; 4VS 1-6) THE KEY QUESTION FOR A CHRISTIAN IS, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? IS HE:
- A. **AN EXAMPLE**
 - B. **A GOOD MAN**
 - C. **A WONDERFUL TEACHER**
 - D. **GOD COME IN FLESH**

NOTE: JOHN’S READER KNOW THE TRUTH OR THEY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SAVED (I JOHN 2 VS 20 ROMANS 8 VS 9) FALSE TEACHERS IN JOHNS DAY USED TWO WORDS TO DESCRIBE THEIR EXPERIENCE

- 1. **KNOWLEDGE**
- 2. **UNCTION**

THEY CLAIM TO HAVE A SPECIAL UNCTION (ANOINTING) FROM GOD THAT GAVE THEM A UNIQUE KNOWLEDGE. THEY WERE ILLUMINATED AND LIVING ON A MUCH HIGHER LEVEL THAN ANYBODY ELSE. BUT JOHN POINTED OUT THAT ALL TRUE CHRISTIANS KNOW GOD AND HAVE RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF GOD! BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THE TRUTH THEY RECOGNIZE A LIE WHEN THEY MET IT!

WHAT IS THE GREATEST ASSENTATION THAT SETS A CHRISTIAN APART FROM OTHERS?

WHEN THEY CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS GOD IN THE FLESH – I JOHN 4 VS 2, NOT ALL PREACHERS AND TEACHERS WHO CLAIM TO BE CHRISTIANS ARE REALLY CHRISTIANS IN THEIR BELIEF (I JOHN 4 VS 1-6) IF THEY CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS GOD COME IN FLESH THEN THEY BELONG TO THE TRUE FAITH. IF THEY DENY CHRIST, THEN THEY BELONG TO THE “ANTI-

CHRIST” THEY ARE IN THE WORLD AND ARE NOT LIKE TRUE BELIEVERS WHO ARE CALLED OUT OF THE WORLD. WHEN THEY SPEAK THE WORLD (UNSAVED PEOPLE) HEAR THEM AND BELIEVE THEM. BUT THE UNSAVED WORLD CAN NEVER UNDERSTAND A TRUE CHRISTIANS. WHY?

- **A CHRISTIAN SPEAKS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SPIRITUAL TRUTH**
- **FALSE TEACHER SPEAK UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF ERROR- THE SPIRIT OF ANTI- CHRIST**

TO CONFESS JESUS CHRIST CAME IN THE FLESH INVOLVES MUCH MORE THAN SIMPLY IDENTIFYING CHRIST :

TRUE CONFESSION INVOLVES PERSONAL FAITH IN CHRIST IN TWO WAYS:

1. **IN WHO HE IS**
2. **IN WHAT HE HAS DONE**

A CONFESSION IS NOT MERE “INTELLECTUAL” THEOLOGICAL STATEMENT THAT YOU RECITE; IT IS A PERSONAL WITNESS FROM YOUR HEART OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR YOU. IT YOU HAVE TRUSTED CHRIST AND HAVE CONFESSED YOUR FAITH, YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. (I JOHN 2 VS 25). THOSE WHO CANNOT HONESTLY MAKE THIS CONFESSION DO NOT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

EXAMPLE: PREACHER ASK A MAN WHAT HE BELIEVE

MAN- I BELIEVE WHAT MY CHURCH BELIEVES

PREACHER- WHAT DOES YOU CHURCH BELIEVE

MAN- SAME THING I BELIEVE

PREACHER -WHAT DO BOTH OF YOU BELIEVE?

MAN- WE BOTH BELIEVE THE SAME THING

SADLY THIS WAS THE ONLY ANSWER THE MAN COULD GIVE (FOR HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE BELIEVED!)

NOTE: A MAN IS NOT SAVED BY ASSENTING TO A CHURCH CREED, HE IS SAVED BY:

- A. **TRUSTING JESUS CHRIST**
- B. **AND BEARING WITNESS TO HIS FAITH** (ROMANS 10 VS 9-10)

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE STATEMENT THAT FALSE TEACHER OFTEN SAY ABOUT THEIR FAITH

1. **WE WORSHIP THE FATHER**
2. **WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER**- EVEN THOUGH WE DISAGREE WITH YOU ABOUT JESUS CHRIST. HOWEVER IF YOU DENY THE SON- YOU ALSO DENY THE FATHER. YOU CAN'T SEPARATE THE FATHER AND THE SON SINCE BOTH ARE ONE GOD. (JOHN 10 VS 30) I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE. NOT ONLY THAT BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT TRUE BELIEVERS SHOULD:

HONOR BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON (JOHN 5 VS 23) IF YOU SAY YOU WORSHIP ONE GOD, BUT LEAVE JESUS CHRIST OUT OF YOUR WORSHIP, YOU ARE NOT WORSHIPPING AS A TRUE CHRISTIAN IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU STAY WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD. THE WORD YOU HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING IS ALL YOU NEED TO KEEP YOU TRUE TO THE FAITH. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CONTINUES JUST AS IT BEGAN:

THROUGH FAITH IN THE BIBLE MESSAGE- A RELIGIOUS LEADER WHO COMES ALONG WITH" SOME NEW THING" SOMETHING THAT CONTRADICTS WHAT CHRISTIANS HAVE HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

I JOHN 4 VS 1 – **TRY THE SPIRIT WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD**

I JOHN 2 VS 24- **LET THE WORD ABIDE IN YOU**

I JOHN 2 VS 28- **ABIDE IN CHRIST**

CLOSE: WE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL, KNOWING THAT THESE FALSE TEACHERS WHO ARE CONTROLLED BY THE SPIRIT OF "ANTI- CHRIST" WILL STOP AT NOTHING- IN TRYING TO CONVERT OTHERS TO THEIR ANTICHRISTIAN DOCTRINES.