



Do Not Love the World—PART II (I John 2:18-29)

Deception

“Little children, **it is the last hour**; and as you have heard that **the Antichrist is coming**, even now **many antichrists have come**, by which **we know that it is the last hour**. They went **out from us, but they were not of us**; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they **might be made manifest, that none of them were of us**. But you have an **anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things**. I have not written to you **because you do not know the truth, but because you know it**, and that **no lie is of the truth**. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.**” I John 2:18-23

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☑ **The Spirit of the Antichrist and the last hour**

☑ **The man of sin...** “Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, **and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself** above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, **that he may be revealed in his own time.** For the mystery of lawlessness

is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. **And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**" II Thessalonians 2:1-12 NKJV

☑ The Antichrist

☑ Revelation 13

- ☑ "Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. **He performs great signs,** so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. **And he deceives those**

who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. **He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,** and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666." Revelation 13:11-18 NKJV

- ☑ See Matthew 24 (see again later under deception)
- ☑ ""Therefore when you see the '**abomination of desolation,**' spoken of by Daniel the prophet (Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11], standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of

his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.” Matthew 24:15-18 NKJV

- ☑ “He [Antichrist] shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, **And shall intend to change times and law.** Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.” Daniel 7:25 NKJV

- ☑ See: [Walk Just as He Walked](#)

- ☑ **False Christs:** ““Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. **For false christs** and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.**” Matthew 24:23-28 NKJV

- ☑ **Antichrist—denies Jesus is the Christ; Denies the Son and therefore denies the Father; Acknowledges the Son and therefore acknowledges the Father**

- ☑ “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through Me.**” John 14:6 NKJV
- ☑ **It’s black and white! The spirit of the Antichrist denies Christ!** *(Later in this same letter)*
- ☑ **Of Yahweh or NOT of Yahweh—it’s that simple!**
“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because 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 of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.** And this is the **spirit of the Antichrist**, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.” I John 4:1-3 NKJV
- ☑ *“They went out from us, but they were **not of us**; for **if they had been of us, they would have continued with us**; but they went out that they might be **made manifest**, that none of them were of us.” I John 2:19 NKJV*
- ☑ **If they had been of us, they would have continued with us...none of them were of us**

- ☑ **Again!** “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through Me.**” John 14:6 NKJV
- ☑ **Hebrews—it is impossible (if they were one of us!)**
- ☑ **You can't come back!** “For **it is impossible** for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they **fall away**, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.” Hebrews 6:4-6 NKJV
- ☑ **No more sacrifice:** “For if we **sin willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there **no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of **how much worse punishment**, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common

thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" Hebrews
10:26-29 NKJV

☑ **No one comes unless called**

☑ **He chose you!** **"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;** and I will raise him up at the last day... But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that **no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.**" ... Jesus answered them, **"Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"**" John 6:44, 64-65, 70 NKJV

☑ **You did not choose Him!** **"You did not choose Me, but I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you." John 15:16 NKJV

☑ **I have lost none**

☑ **I have lost none (in the Spirit)!** "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I

was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name.

Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.” John 17:11-12 NKJV

- ☑ **I have lost none (in the natural)!** “Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, “Whom are you seeking?” They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” **And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.** Now when He said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. Then He asked them again, “Whom are you seeking?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I have told you that I am He. **Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,” that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.”**” John 18:3-9 NKJV

- ☑ “But you have an **anointing** from the Holy One, and **you know all things.**” 1 John 2:20 NKJV **Then skip ahead to verse 27...**

☑ *“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, **and you do not need that anyone teach you**; but as the same **anointing teaches you concerning all things**, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.” 1 John 2:27 NKJV*

☑ **An anointing...**

☑ Think of the anointing as rain falling from a cloud. You must decide if you believe that God will move that rain cloud over your head, or if you must spot the cloud and move yourself under it!

☑ **Think of the cloud that Israel had in the wilderness:**

☑ **The pattern—who follows who?** “Now on the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony; from evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire. So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, after that the children of Israel would journey; and in the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their tents. At the command of the Lord the children of Israel would journey, and at the command of the Lord they would

camp; as long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped. Even when the cloud continued long, many days above the tabernacle, the children of Israel kept the charge of the Lord and did not journey. So it was, when the cloud was above the tabernacle a few days: according to the command of the Lord they would remain encamped, **and according to the command of the Lord they would journey.** So it was, when the cloud remained only from evening until morning: **when the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they would journey;** whether by day or by night, **whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey.** Whether it was two days, a month, or a year that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, **the children of Israel would remain encamped and not journey;** but when it was taken up, they would journey. **At the command of the Lord they remained encamped, and at the command of the Lord they journeyed;** they kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by the hand of Moses." Numbers 9:15-23 NKJV

 **All the scrolls**

- ☑ **The world itself could not contain the books that would be written: “This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things;** and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even **the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.** Amen” John 21:24-25 NKJV
- ☑ **The Spirit of truth—no need to teach you**
 - ☑ “However, when He, **the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for **He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things** that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and **declare it to you.**” John 16:13-15 NKJV
- ☑ **The anointing teaches you all things...**
 - ☑ and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things...

☑ *"I have not written to you because you **do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.**" 1 John 2:21 NKJV*

☑ **You know the truth and the truth will set you free!**

☑ "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. **And you shall know the truth,** and the truth shall make you free.""
John 8:31-32 NKJV

☑ **He is the truth!**

☑ "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, **the truth,** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 NKJV

Truth

"Therefore **let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.** And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. These things I have written to you concerning **those who try to deceive you.** But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, **and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true,** and is not a lie, and

just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him." I John 2:24-27
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☑ What did they hear from the beginning?

☑ See: [Do Not Love the World—PART I](#)

☑ *"These things I have written to you concerning those who try to **deceive** you." I John 2:26 NKJV*

☑ Deception

☑ **Take heed that no one deceives you:** "And Jesus answered and said to them: "**Take heed that no one deceives you**. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many." Matthew 24:4-5
NKJV

☑ **Lawlessness will abound!** "Then many false prophets will rise up and **deceive many**. And because **lawlessness will**

abound, the love of many will grow cold." Matthew 24:11-12 NKJV

☑ **The antichrist deceives!** ""Therefore when you see the '**abomination of desolation**,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes." Matthew 24:15-18 NKJV

☑ **Deceived by signs and wonders:** ""Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For **false christs** and false prophets will rise and show **great signs and wonders to deceive**, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' **do not believe it**. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together." Matthew 24:23-28 NKJV

☑ **In latter times...**

☑ **Deceiving spirits:** “Now the Spirit expressly says that **in latter times** some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits** and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, **forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving** by those who believe and know the truth. For **every creature of God is good**, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.” I Timothy 4:1-5 NKJV

☑ **Perilous times**

☑ **And from such people turn away!** “But know this, that in the last days **perilous times** will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. **And from such people turn away!** For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, **always**

learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was." II Timothy 3:1-9 NKJV

☑ **Deceiving and being deceived (and how to protect yourself!)**

- ☑ **Evil men and impostors:** "But you have **carefully followed my doctrine**, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. **But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.** But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have **known the Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for

reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:10-17 NKJV

☑ *I John 2:27 (and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same **anointing teaches you concerning all things**)*

☑ see above with verse 20

God's Children

"And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. **If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.**" I John 2:28-29 NKJV

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☑ **When He Appears**

☑ **Endure to the end:** "But he who **endures to the end** shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be

preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:13-14 NKJV

- ☑ **The Day will declare it— fire will test each one’s work:**
“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. **But let each one take heed how he builds on it.** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for **the Day will declare it,** because it will be revealed by fire; and the **fire will test each one’s work,** of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.” I Corinthians 3:9-15 NKJV

- ☑ **Hold fast...**

- ☑ **Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering:**
“Let us **hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,** for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good

works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:23-25 NKJV

- ☑ **Stand fast:** “But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, **stand fast** and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.” II Thessalonians 2:13-15 NKJV

- ☑ **His true children practice righteousness**

- ☑ **He who practices righteousness is righteous:** “Little children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous**, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” I John 3:7-8 NKJV

- ☑ **From Glory to Glory**

- ☑ **From Glory to Glory:** “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image **from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Corinthians 3:17-18 NKJV

NEXT WEEK

The Children of God (I John 3:1-9)