

# *The Spirit of Antichrist*



**Bereans look at I John 2:18-29 and 4:1-6**

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## Introduction:

The Lord's people have quite a curiosity about the figure known as "The Antichrist." While there will be an actual person who will be known as Antichrist during the time of the Tribulation, John is in our text speaking of the spirit and nature of the one who is to come. John instructs us concerning those who are controlled, if not empowered by this spirit. Notice that:

### I. **They Depart from the true Church**—1 Jn. 2:18, 19

*1Jn 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.*

*1Jn 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*

A. The identification of the *faithful*—"us" - 19

B. The separation of the *sinful*—vs. 18 and 19 with Jude vs. 17-19

Jud 1:17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Jud 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Jud 1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

1. They are *lustful*

a) In their *talk*—"mockers"

b) In their *walk*—"ungodly"

2. They are *lost*— Jude 19b—"...having not the Spirit" and Ro. 8:9

3. They are *leaving*—Jude 19a—"separate themselves"

## II. They Deny the person and deity of Jesus Christ—I Jn 2:20- 25; 4:1-6

*1Jn 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

*1Jn 2:21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.*

*1Jn 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*

*1Jn 2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*

*1Jn 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.*

*1Jn 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.*

**1Jn 4:1** *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

*1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:*

*1Jn 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.*

*1Jn 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

*1Jn 4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.*

*1Jn 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*

A. A command for the believer to judge—4:1

B. A confession of Jesus

1. His *humanity*—4:2

2. His *deity*—2:22, 23

C. A commendation from the world for their own—4:3, 5

D. A certainty in knowing God's children 4:4, 6

## III. They Deceive True Christians—1 Jn. 2:26-29

*1Jn 2:26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.*

*1Jn 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

*1Jn 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may*

*have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*  
1Jn 2:29 *If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

A. The *intent* of the anti-Christ—2:26

B. The *insurance* for the attentive—(The Spirit will grant them truth)

1. From *within* through the Spirit—Jn 16:13

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

2. From *without* through teachers—Eph. 4:11-14

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;