

## We Know God in Christ

**2 Corinthians 4:5, 6** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**2 Peter 1:2, 3** Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

**John 17:3** "And this is life eternal, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

Is it possible to \_\_\_\_\_ you're following \_\_\_\_\_ when you're actually following His \_\_\_\_\_?



## Satan's Most Effective Weapon

**Rev. 12:7-9** And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who *deceives* the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

**John 8:44** You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is *no truth in him*. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for *he is a liar* and the father of it.

**2 Corinthians 11:14, 15** For such are false apostles, *deceitful* workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one *deceives* you.

	The Essence of Deception
•	Deception only when you think it isn't
•	Satan knows the best way to get away with something is to make it seem

Many people expect the antichrist to be a sinister politician, a military leader, or a similar type of overtly evil figure who will appear at the very end of time to openly oppose of God and wage war against all Christians. But Scripture paints a vastly different picture! Thankfully, God has not left us in the dark as to the identity of this nefarious personage. The Bible provides more than enough information to conclusively identify the antichrist power.

## **Bible Names For The Antichrist**

"Antichrist" "Little Horn" "Beast from the Sea" "Man of Sin / Son of Perdition"

1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 1:7 Daniel 7 Revelation 13 2 Thessalonians 2:3

**2 Thessalonians 2:1, 2** Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Paul explains that \_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus returns, certain things must happen \_\_\_\_\_\_

**2 Thessalonians 2:3** Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. *Matthew 24:3, 4* 

- The only things that can fall away are things that were once \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- John 17:12 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.
- Acts 20:28, 29 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

**2 Thessalonians 2:4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

- When Paul uses the term, "temple of God," he is usually referring to the \_\_\_\_\_\_. see 1 Corinthians 3:16,17; 2 Corinthians 6:16
- The prefix anti, while it does mean "\_\_\_\_\_ to," it also means, "\_\_\_\_\_ of."
- Being in the place of God has been Satan's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_. Thus, it only makes

sense that His \_\_\_\_\_\_ on earth (the antichrist) would try to take the place of

God's \_\_\_\_\_ on earth (Jesus Christ).

**2 Thessalonians 2:6, 7** 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.

- **1 John 2:18** 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...
- **1 John 4:3** ...the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world

## **Reviewing the Evidence**

Since knowing Jesus Christ means the hope of salvation for us, Satan is continuing his deceptive warfare through his representative, the antichrist. The Bible describes the antichrist as a subtle betrayer of Christ from inside God's people, not an open opposer of Christ from the outside.