

FELLOWSHIP AND THE ANTICHRIST

1 John 2:18-28

INTRODUCTION

- A. "Antichrist" – 1 JN 2:18; 2:22; 4:3; 2 JN 7.
- B. Who is "antichrist"?
 - 1. "Anti-Christ" is from the Greek word ἀντίχριστος.
 - 2. Defined:
 - Vine – "Can mean either against Christ or instead of Christ."
 - Thayer – "The adversary of the Messiah."
 - The Analytical Greek Lexicon – "an opposer of Christ."
 - A Concise Greek-English Dictionary of the NT – "Of one who claims to be Christ or is opposed to Christ."

DISCUSSION

- I. WHO IS THE "ANTICHRIST"?
 - A. 1 JN 2:18; MT 12:30.
 - B. What does it mean to be "WITH" Christ?
 - 1. We must listen to His chosen messengers: the Apostles. LK 10:16; 1 JN 4:6.
 - 2. We must obey the commands of the Gospel. JN 14:15, 21; 1 JN 2:3-6, 22; 3:24; JA 4:4.
- II. CHARACTERISTICS OF ANTI-CHRIST
 - A. A Liar - 1 JN 2:22.
 - B. Denies Jesus is God's Son.
 - 1. 1 JN 2:23.
 - 2. PS 2:7.
 - 3. LK 1:31-32, 35.
 - 4. JN 1:29, 49.
 - 5. MT 16:16.
 - 6. MT 27:54.
 - 7. JN 20:28.
 - C. Denies Jesus came in the flesh.
 - 1. 1 JN 4:1-3.
 - 2. 2 JN 7.
 - 3. JN 1:14-18.
 - 4. PH 2:5-8.
 - D. Denies Jesus being the Christ.
 - 1. 1 JN 2:22.
 - 2. JN 8:24.
 - 3. Acts 2:36.

CONCLUSION

- A. One is an "antichrist" who has these characteristics.
- B. Next Week:
 - 1. Where did anti-Christ come from?
 - 2. Things we can do to fortify ourselves against anti-Christ.
- C. Don't be against the Christ, be for Him by obeying!