

Christ Comes IN the Flesh- What This Really Means For The Believer
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One of the biggest differences between false teachers, and those who teach the truth of God is what they say about Jesus. The bible is full of warnings of how to detect a false teacher, yet congregations all over the world are not taught how to arm themselves in the Word of God and truly know the difference, mainly because the pastor or leader of their church is preaching another Jesus, a false Jesus, an anti-christ. With this being said, I'd like to point out that a teacher who simply does not know something, is not the same as a teacher who denies a truth and spreads a lie instead. Your pastor may not be a false teacher while still being ignorant of certain biblical truths- how they respond to the truth is the identifying factor. The bible speaks much about "other gospels" and "another Jesus" and "anti-christ's"- but what does this mean?

*2 Corinthians 11:3-4 KJV (3) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (4) **For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.***

In order to determine a false gospel, a false Jesus, an anti-christ, congregations must be taught first who the authentic Jesus is. False teachers do not confess or acknowledge who Jesus is in the gospels, rather, they speak similar narratives that don't quite get the truth out to people desperately searching for meaning. But why wouldn't someone want the Truth? **If someone denies the truth and insists on a lie it means there must be a portion of them, their life, their perception, etc that they are not willing to separate from, and in attempt to preserve that portion of themselves/their life that the truth demolishes, they invent and spread lies to sustain their comfortable delusions.** So what

is it about Jesus and knowing the Truth about Him, that is so “destructive” to some? (*“Is not my word as a fire...” Jeremiah 23:29*)

The Bible answers this in many places, one of which is in Matthew 16:24:

*“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow me.”*

Many people don’t want to know the true Jesus, The Word, because that would mean they would have to rid themselves of themselves-meaning their desires, their lusts, the all encompassing self-willed flesh.

In order to preserve the flesh, rather than kill the flesh (self), they confess that Jesus is some sort of event that occurs in the future, the one that “shall come” rather than Jesus who is now living in our hearts, our inner man.

*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.*

1 John 4:3

Hebrews 1:2 in the King James says:

*“Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by** [his] Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;”*

But the translation is incorrect. Where it says God is speaking to us “**By** His Son”, the correct rendered is “**IN** His Son.”

This obviously doesn’t mean that God is speaking to us by simply saying the name of “JESUS JESUS JESUS.” It carries a very significant, deeper meaning- that we CANNOT know any truth unless it is revealed **IN** Him.

The Word, Jesus, is Living. He is NOW, not later.

“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. “

-2 Corinthians 4:16

Jesus IS COMING and will be manifested in our outer flesh in due season, throughout trials He sets before us to prepare us into Christ-likeness.

2 Corinthians 4:10-11 KJV (10) ***Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*** (11) *For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, **that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.***

The false teachers and pastors are not preaching that Jesus IS COMING now in the flesh, that is, our mortal flesh over the course of our lives of trials and tribulations which build us closer to God in character.

*“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be **formed in you**” - Galatians 4:19*

2 John 1:7-11 KJV (7) ***For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*** (8) *Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.*

They preach instead that “Jesus” - their false version of Jesus, that is the anti-christ, is **coming some day in the future**. He “**shall come**” someday according to them.

The people wait in hopes for the Lord, yet their hopes fail over time and then they are accused of not having enough faith for waiting and forbidden from the church. Thankfully, the Bible corrects this false teaching saying RIGHT NOW there are many antichrist's, and Jesus also

warns us when people say, “here is Jesus and there is Jesus not to believe them.”

“At that time, if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There He is!’ do not believe it.” - Matthew 24:23

John also has much to say about this teaching, and shows us that it is not the spirit of truth speaking.

*“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.*

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.

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

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.

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

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.*

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.”

1 John 2:18-25

Countless videos, articles and teachings at church talk about the “Last days” and the “Coming of Christ” or the “one who SHALL come, as a future cataclysmic end of the world event, when in reality, when God quickens you (John 6:63), you become alive IN HIM, and He is now growing inside your heart as your outer man perishes through self denial and growth via tribulations and trials He sets before you.

Daniel 9:26 KJV (26) *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: **and the people of the prince that shall***

*come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and **unto the end of the war** desolations are determined.*

Remember that Jesus saves us, and how does He save us?
Because He comes to dwell IN US (Col 1:27)

We know that those who teach another Jesus (2 Cor 11:4) do not preach that Jesus comes in the flesh, but that one day He will come in the future.

Christ in our flesh is not only a foundational truth in which we rest protected from false teachings, but it is also a foundational experience of having a true relationship with Him, knowing Him.

“Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God **is within you.**” - *Luke 17:20-21*

The firm foundation in which every believer needs to know is that the Living Christ dwells within. With this truth, we are able to identify lies and carry further our walk with Christ.