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The Antichrist & Deception

World Outreach Church
Sermon Discussion Guide
From Service of 9:30am Sunday November 15th 2020

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Here's what's happening this week.

- Saturday Evening Service (November 21st) at 6:00pm Sanctuaries inside and outside available.
- Food trucks will be on campus Wednesday night, and Saturday night.
- Get Next Chapter Bookstore materials under the portico
- Sunday Morning Service will be at 9:30am. Inside and outside sanctuaries available.
- World Outreach team will be leading worship.
- Three Crosses, New Harvest, All Nations and outdoor sanctuaries will be open Sunday morning.
- Children's Ministry will be open Saturday night & Sunday morning for children birth-6th grade.
- For the latest service updates, continue to check our Facebook page.
- Go to <https://youtube.com/user/worldoutreachchurch> for Sunday's message.

The Antichrist will soon step onto the stage of human history. His most devastating accomplishment will not be the "mark of the beast" or the overt persecution of true Believers, it will be a deception that engulfs humanity. Untold numbers of people will succumb to the deception of lawlessness --- rejecting the boundaries of God. Good will be condemned as evil and evil will be celebrated as good. The antichrist will give complete license to carnal, selfish appetites and thus deceive the world.

Revelation 20:2-3 (NIV®)

² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, **to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore** until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Satan's goal is the destruction of humanity, ultimately by keeping them from the Kingdom of God.

1. Satan does not have the power to accomplish this objective, it must be pursued by deceptive means. He attempts to convince people that Godliness is limiting or will diminish their life experience. How did you imagine being "fully devoted to Jesus" would limit your life? What freedoms have you found as you learn to yield to Jesus?

Jesus' Teaching re: the end of the age

Matthew 24:3-4 (NIV®)

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴ Jesus answered: **"Watch out that no one deceives you.**

Isaiah 5:20 (NIV®)

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

2. Jesus' first warning was against deception. List several ways in which evil is being called good and good is being dismissed as evil.

Matthew 10:26-33 (NIV®)

²⁶ "So **do not be afraid** of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do **not be afraid** of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, **be afraid of** the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So **don't be afraid**; you are worth more than many sparrows. ³² "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

3. Three times Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Discuss some ways fear has challenged you in 2020?

4. Trust is the antidote to fear. How have you learned to trust God in new ways through the challenges of this year?

Protections

Romans 8:7-9 (NIV®)

⁷ the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

⁸ Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

SUBMIT TO GOD & COOPERATE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

5. Describe changes to your thoughts that have been necessary as you grow in the Lord.

Know by the fruit ---

Matthew 7:13-16 (NIV®)

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. ¹⁵ "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By **their fruit you will recognize them.**

6. The “fruit of your character” is the best indicator of the spirit which directs your life. Think of the godly people you know, how does their character demonstrate their faith?

REPENT, RENOUNCE, RELEASE

- ❖ **Repent;** new thought & new direction
- ❖ **Renounce;** separate yourself from the past
- ❖ **Release;** turn loose anyone or anything ---
 - do not hold hostages,
 - do not hold grudges,
 - do not hold back---release yourself to God & He will bring fulfillment

7. Take these three components home to process personally. God will help us as we seek His guidance.

Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV®)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer:

I testify as to what the Word of God says the blood of Jesus does for me;
Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil;
Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven;
The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin;
Through the blood of Jesus I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God;
Through the blood of Jesus I am justified, made righteous, just as if I'd never sinned.
My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed by the blood of Jesus;
Therefore, Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.