



SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any news, prayer requests, or events that you would like to have included in this update, please email the information to Tony Mattia at spurgeonassociation@gmail.com or call us at 785-456-8513.

THE INCARNATION AND SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST

Lo, God, our God, has come;
To us a Child is born;
To us a Son is given;
Bless, bless the blessed morn!
O happy, lowly, lofty birth!
Now God, our God, has come to earth.

Rejoice! our God has come,
In love and lowliness;
The Son of God has come
The sons of men to bless;
God with us now descends to dwell,
God in our flesh, Immanuel.

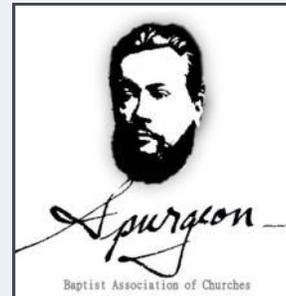
Praise ye the Word made flesh;
True God, true man is He;
Praise ye the Christ of God;
To Whom all glory be!
Praise ye the Lamb that once was slain!
Praise ye the King that comes to reign!

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

The Incarnation and Spirit of Antichrist

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye that Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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“If there is no church... should you not commence one?” C. H. Spurgeon

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To be a soul winner is the happiest thing in this world. And with every soul you bring to Jesus Christ, you seem to get a new heaven here upon earth.

CH Spurgeon
Sermons, 11.431

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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 4:1-3

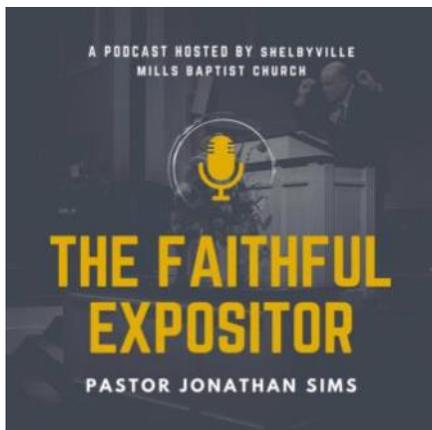
Paul preached the incarnation the following way. He said that when the fullness of time was come God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem those that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons (Gal. 4:4-5). The word “incarnation” refers to the act of God’s Son taking a human body without sin, via the virgin birth, for the purpose of redeeming a people from their sins. This set up Christ Jesus’ work of bearing the sins of those to whom He imputed His righteousness.

We have declared to us in Sacred Scripture an exposé of the devil and his minions. The world system of evil in which we live as mortals is fathered by the devil. Those who are a part of this world system are of their father the devil and they practice honoring him by doing his works. He was a liar from the beginning and did not remain in the truth (John 8:44).

In our passage John gave a warning to God’s children, whom he called the beloved ones, and he said, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits whether they are of God. Please note it is not just preachers who should do this testing, but all the Good Shepherds sheep should do the same. Why was there a thorough test? The spirits must be tested “because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” These false prophets are the same as the many antichrists (John 2:18). Jesus gave us a warning—“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits” (Matt. 7:15-16). A true prophet speaks for God but a false prophet speaks or professes to speak for God, but in reality he is a representative of the devil. The claims of a false prophet are found wanting.

What were the parameters of this test? John, by the Holy Spirit, tells us how to discern the Spirit of God—“Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.” The spirit that confesses the incarnation of Jesus Christ is the spirit that is of God. Then John tells us by divine guidance how to identify the false spirit—“Every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist.” The false spirit rejects the incarnation of Jesus Christ and this is the spirit of antichrist.

B. H. Carroll gave the following explanation, “The highest object of the incarnation was to expiate sin as a propitiatory offering. On these two



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Grace Bible Conference—April 23-25. Rockport Baptist Church, Arnold, MO. Theme: *Walking in Hope, Romans 15:13*. For more info go to Rockportbaptist.org/gbc.

Saved By Faith Youth Camp—June 21-25, 2021. Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas. Speaker: Dr. Jim Orrick. Theme: *The Church: A Study through the Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation*. For youth in grades 7-12. Cost: \$205 per person. Registration will open April 14. Website: sbfyckansas.com.

2022 National Founders Conference—January 20-23, 2022. Theme: *Militant & Triumphant: The Doctrine of the Church*. Early registration is open now at Founders.org.

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points we may expose the antichrists. To the bitter end they fight the doctrine that ... the pre-existing Son was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.... If preacher or teacher holds not these vital doctrines, whatever other merit, they are not of us and should go out from us. Hence the injunction: 'Believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits.'"

Robert S. Candlish excellently related, "Let us look, then, at 'Jesus Christ coming in the flesh,' the Son of God taking our nature into oneness with himself. He takes it pure and sinless, so far as he is personally concerned; but he takes it with all the liabilities which our sin has entailed upon it. And the Spirit, confessing in us that he is come in the flesh, makes us one with him in this view of his coming; our guilt and condemnation being now his, and his taking our guilt and bearing our condemnation being ours. His coming in the flesh is his consenting to be crucified for us; the Spirit in us confessing him as come in the flesh makes us willing to be crucified with him. And so, by means of this confession, the true Spirit of God and of Christ opens to us a prospect of glory and joy such as no lying spirit of antichrist can hold out. If it was not really in the flesh that he came; or if, coming in the flesh, he failed to redeem by substitution those whose flesh he shared; then flesh, or human nature, can have little hope of reaching the blessedness of heaven. But having really come in the flesh, and in the flesh suffered for sin, he raises the flesh in which he suffered to the highest capacity of holy and happy being. 'In my flesh I shall see God,' was the hope of the patriarch Job. It is made sure by Jesus Christ come in the flesh, and by the Spirit confessing in us that he is come."

Clarence E. Macartney wrote, "The greatest fact of history is the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ; and therefore the greatest 'if'—the greatest possible imagination—would be 'If Christ had not come.' Such an 'if' is almost too staggering for our minds. It is like imagining the world without a sunrise, or the heavens without a sky. Yet one of the best ways to get at the value and importance of the incarnation and to rescue Christmas from mere commercialism and festivity and sentimentalism, is to try to think of the world without Christ. Try to think of your own life without Christ. 'If I had not come ...' (John 15:22)." What a statement of Jesus Christ, "If I had not come." If He had not come everything would be in vain including your faith for there would be no atonement, no forgiveness, no eternal life, no heaven, no Saviour, but instead only a world and future without hope!

A Lord's Day Snippet!, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Pastor Ron Rumburg, SBSS, #188

A Note from Trevor Johnson...

Hello,

My name is Trevor Johnson. We first went to a jungle tribe in Papua, Indonesia in 2004 and I almost died and had to leave in 2018. But we've planted churches, baptized believers and trained future leaders so that now we have an indigenously led church, a school, a dorm, and a health clinic. I support over 100 workers/students right now. In 2020 support dropped a little due to covid and I am trying to pick it back up. Below is a link to my video. Please consider adopting my work as an individual or church for 50/100/200/300 dollars a month. We have a good track record and I am healing. I need to add 500 a month now.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fb0kn-CjzKc>

Thanks, Trevor Johnson

** Trevor is an individual member of the SBAOC.*

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Rm. 15:13

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PRAYER MEETINGS FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AND REVIVAL

- Fellowship Baptist Church in Onaga, Kansas—5:00 pm on Sundays
- Trinity Baptist Church in Wamego, Kansas—8:00 pm on Saturdays

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We are a non-geographic association seeking to include any like-minded body of believers so that together we might better fulfill the great commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our intent is to lean on His instruction and not our imaginations so that He is honored in all that we do. We welcome churches who adhere to the confessions of faith accepted by Southern Baptists throughout their history, including, but not limited to, the Second London Confession (1689) and the Baptist Faith and Message.



Baptist Association of Churches