

*Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent.* (Jeremiah 20:9)

*The testimony of JESUS is the spirit of the prophecy.* (Revelation 19:10c)

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## ***Enemies of the Cross***

I pass this on as an encouragement for those who might be growing discouraged, as they look out at a landscape in which it appears the wicked, unrighteous are prevailing. Perhaps you feel like [Habakkuk](#): *Why do you make me watch such terrible injustice?*

As I considered the unjust banning of any who challenge the establishment narrative, along with its massive censorship that is underway in the US today, an illustration came to me based on the Lord using President Trump to draw out into the open [the enemies of the cross](#).

All the **enemies of the cross**, especially the **enemies of liberty and freedom**, are standing on the deck of the **Titanic**. It has just hit the iceberg; yet, in the darkness of the hour, they don't realize they are standing on the deck of a sinking ship, soon to slip into the cold, dark sea.

As a way of reminder, it will be thirteen years ago this [March 11](#) that I dreamed of the Titanic sinking. We can expect that these enemies will be complicit in the sinking of global economies, as more and more of the [structures](#), which have put them in power and propped them up, crumble. This is where we are today. But, fear not; there is some good news in this.

These **enemies of truth and light** are fully exposed for all to see; that is, for those who are willing to see. Many are talking about what is going on, but it seems there are very few who include the enemies of the cross in their narrative. Let us not overlook this one glorious fact: **The cross is the only way to true freedom and liberty!** Paul knew firsthand the attacks of the enemies of the cross, as they continually sought to ban and shut him up. These enemies rejected Jesus as the Messiah, thus nullifying the power of the cross in their lives. Of course, contextually, the enemies he wept over were his own countrymen. However, in principle, in our day, anyone who denies the cross of Christ is an enemy of it.

Brethren, vie with one another in imitating me, and carefully observe those who follow the example which we have set you. For there are many whom I have often described to you, and I now even with tears describe them, as being enemies to ***the Cross of Christ***. Their end is destruction, their bellies are their God, their glory is in their shame, and their minds are devoted to earthly things. (Philippians 3:17-19 Weymouth [bold italic added])

As John, the apostle of love, would tell us, these enemies have **the spirit of antichrist**, something I warned about last year. See: [Sovereignty of God](#).

In scripture, the word *antichrist* is used only five times, and all by John in two of his epistles. This word is made up of the Greek words *anti* [G473] and *christos* [G5547]. *Anti* is defined as “opposite, instead of, because of,” meaning the subject is replacing or taking the place of something. Thus, in Matthew 20:28, Jesus gave His life a ransom for [*anti*] many, and in Matthew 2:22, Archelaus was reigning in the place of [*anti*] his father Herod. *Christos* is defined as “anointed” and, as we know, is the title associated most with Jesus the Anointed One.

Given these definitions, ***antichrist*** simply means one who is in the place of Christ or one acting as if they are anointed to do what evil they are attempting to do. In a sense, such a one does not necessarily have to take an outward stand against Christ, as if to declare, *I am against Christ*. This spirit takes its stand in the place of the true Christ, which is tantamount to denying His rightful place and proclaiming He is not who He says He is. John, the beloved apostle, clearly makes all these points in warning of antichrists.

Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that *antichrist* is coming, even now *many antichrists* have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. ... Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the *antichrist*, the one who denies the Father and the Son. (1 John 2:18, 22 NASB)

And *every spirit* that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is *the spirit of the antichrist*, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. (1 John 4:3 NASB)

For *many deceivers* have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the *antichrist*. (2 John 1:7 NASB)

Today, many believers are looking for a single person called the *antichrist* to rise up and rule the world. However, contextually, John warned his children that an antichrist was arising in their day, not ours. What is more relevant to us is the fact that, in principle, many deceivers have gone out into the world and these are antichrists. How do we recognize them?

**John defines *antichrist* as one that denies and does not confess Jesus is the Christ, does not acknowledge Jesus as coming in the flesh, and denies the Father and the Son.**

Such a one is a liar and a deceiver, having the spirit of antichrist. What we see happening in our day is the spirit of antichrist, which has been with us since the cross, now rearing its ugly head, so to speak, in such a way that it is attempting to overtake the world, starting with America. These enemies have taken [their stand in the temple of God](#) as gods of men. They are [the sharks in the water](#) smelling blood. They are no longer hiding in the depths; they are in the shallow water seeking their next prey. But they are standing on the deck of a sinking ship. The Lord Jesus is the iceberg that is sinking it, even at this moment in history. Once the bow starts rising, it's all over. By the way, it took the Titanic about 160 minutes to sink.

Paul wept for his fellow countrymen that were enemies of the cross of the Messiah. Shouldn't we, at the least, do no less for our fellow countrymen, especially those that have been unknowingly deceived through much misinformation spread by those they have trusted?

The good news is that God's beloved Anointed One is standing, not on the deck of a sinkable ship but on **the solid deck of the unshakeable kingdom of God**. He is coming to set things right; proving the spirit of antichrist that drives the kingdoms of men in our day is defeated. The CROSS is the anchor that declares this is so. All will soon be bowing the knee to God's King, [confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord](#), to the glory of God the Father.

King Jesus declares: [Behold, I Stand!](#) Please don't lose sight of this declaration.

Your life is now hidden in the Prince of Peace. Abide in Jesus, and you will remain in peace during this difficult time.