

Sermon Notes for September 17, 2006 A.M.

Morning: “Living Hope for the Last Hour” Part II

I John 2:18; II Thessalonians 2:1-17 (Pew Bible pages 1082; 1051)
(Joy for the Journey - Series on The Antichrist)

The term “antichrist” is used by the Holy Spirit only in I and II John. The very word “antichrist” shocks the believer that there is such an evil force in the world which “**opposes**” Christ and wishes to be a “**substitute**” for Christ. The Holy Spirit says there is one Antichrist to come and many forerunner antichrists in the world today. Current events in the Middle East cause us to study our Bible and prepare for the Lord’s Coming.

In three messages on the Anti-Christ, we shall study

- The **Religion** of the Anti-Christ— I John 2:18-29; II John
- The **Revelation** of the Anti-Christ— II Thessalonians 2:1-7 (1051)
- The **Rise** and Fall of the Anti-Christ— Revelation 13:1-8 (1096)

The Fact of the Antichrist

- The **Name** of the Antichrist— The Fact— I John 2:18— “The Antichrist”
- The **Nature** of the Antichrist— The Fault— I John 2:2— “Denies the Son”
- The **Nemesis** of the Antichrist— The Fruit— II John 7— “Deceives the whole world”

I. The Rebellion of the Antichrist—II Thessalonians 2:1-3a

- The Prophecy—II Thessalonians 2:1-2— “The Day of the Lord”
“Rebellion, Falling Away, Apostasy, Depart”
- The Person— II Thessalonians 2:3a— “Man of sin”

II. The Revelation of the Antichrist—II Thessalonians 2:3b-5

- He is in Satan’s Mold— “Opposes and exalts himself” II Thessalonians 2:4;
Isaiah 14:12-17
- He is Satan’s Masterpiece— “Proclaiming himself to be God” II Thessalonians
2:4-5; Revelation 13:4-4

III. The Restrainer of the Antichrist— II Thessalonians 2:6-7

- God’s Sovereignty— “In his time (Greek, “chairos”) II Thessalonians 2:6
- Sin’s Mystery— “Mystery of iniquity” II Thessalonians 2:7
- Anti Christ’s Activity— “Until He (restrained) is taken out of the way.” II
Thessalonians 2:7

IV. The Ruin of the Antichrist—II Thessalonians 2:8-12

- The Word will come—”The breath of His mouth” II Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation
19:11, 15
- His Wonders will cease— “False signs and wonders” II Thessalonians 2:9;
Revelation 13:3, 13:11-15

- The Wicked will be condemned— “In order that all may be condemned who did not believeth truth . . .” II Thessalonians 2:10-12

V. Our Readiness before the Antichrist—II Thessalonians 2:13-17

- Give Thanks— II Thessalonians 2:13-14 “Give thanks to God”
- **Stand Firm**— II Thessalonians 2:15 “Stand firm and hold to the traditions”
- Look Up— II Thessalonians 2:16 “Eternal comfort and good hope through grace”
- Do Good— II Thessalonians 2:17 “Every good word and work”