

Fundamentals 8- Antichrist/antichrists

18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. 1 John 2:18

In God's mind, there is the time that was, the time that is, and the time that is to come.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by. Psalm 90:4

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day- 2 Timothy 4:6-7

Our fullest lives can only be lived within the context of seeking Jesus above all in the relationships that he places in our lives.

Evil is part of the reality that I will have patiently endure until Christ returns.

Antichrist is used to describe anything or anyone that is in opposition to Jesus.

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. 3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

(slides only) "The final Antichrist will be an imposing, intimidating figure of superior intellect and oratorical skills, possessing advanced military and economic expertise, who becomes the leader of the world. He will be so convincing as an ally and deliverer that Israel will sign a pact with him to be her protector. Then he will turn against the nation and will occupy the throne in the sanctuary of the rebuilt temple, which for Israel will still symbolize the presence of God, and blasphemously present himself to the world as if he were God." John McArthur

The spirit of antichrist desperately seeks to infiltrate the church.

19 They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. 1 John 2:19

When happiness and meaning become the greatest individual goal, chaos and narcissism ensue.

When we refuse to seek self-fulfillment and instead seek to be filled with Christ, miracles happen, both personally and in the communities we live in.