

The Antichrist And Misfits

Commentary for August 1, 2023 — Avoid the Antichrist, Join the “Misfits”

This month there are again two articles. Read the [“August 2023 Newsletter”](#) that contains background information about both articles, and information about ASK and Ramona Martin.

The First Article: “The Signs Of The Antichrist”

This article is new and on the ASK website for the first time. First published by Dr. Martin in 1976 (47 years ago), the information is more timely than ever. I made editorial changes and added updated information.

What Jesus prophesied about events leading up to His return to earth will be falsely fulfilled by the Antichrist. But mature believers will not be deceived. Signs and wonders will tip the scales to delude and convince most people of the world to believe that the Antichrist is the true Christ. In fact, the apostle Paul writes: **“God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie”** (2 Thessalonians 2:11) that the antichrist (called **“the wicked one”** by Paul) is the true returning Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:1–12).

It is important to understand that the Antichrist will be the latest of many that began to appear in the apostolic period of the 1st century AD, as the apostle John writes:

“Little children, it is the last time: and as you have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

They went out from us[!!!], but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, [Why?] that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But you have an unction [an anointing] from the Holy One, and you know all things.”

• **1 John 2:18–20**

Three verses later John defines the term “antichrist”:

“Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is THE Christ [Messiah]?¹

He is antichrist, THAT DENIES THE FATHER AND THE SON. Whosoever denies the Son, the same has not the Father: (but) he that acknowledges the Son has the Father also.”

• **1 John 2:22–23**

For more information see Dr. Martin’s comprehensive articles: [“The Life and Times of the Antichrist Part 1”](#) and [“The Life and Times of the Antichrist Part 2.”](#) There will be similarities between [“Nebuchadnezzar and Antichrist”](#) as I show in that Commentary. See two other related commentaries: [“Antichrist Suppression of Satanism”](#) and [“Antichrist and Salvation.”](#) And I must add Dr. Martin’s article: [“The Antichristian Doctrine of the Trinity.”](#) The “trinity” teaching denies both the Father and the Son and denies the apostle Paul’s clear statement:

¹ See my articles [“Christ and Messiah”](#) and [“The Gospel of Messiah.”](#)

“But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

• **1 Corinthians 8:6**

The Second Article: “Are You A Misfit?”

Even if you have read this article, read it again. I wrote it in 2002. Now it is reformatted with additional and updated information.

After it went online, I received feedback from readers (and I expect more comments from this new “edition”) who wrote to tell me, “Thank you, I AM a misfit.” While confession is good for the soul, there is no guilt attached to this admission of being a “misfit” in the world.

Perhaps you also had a feeling of not quite “fitting in” with run of the mill, standard Christian teachings. The reason is simply that much Christian teaching is not biblical. It is not in line with what the Bible plainly says in so many areas.

These days people are learning that not much “meat” is taught in Christian congregations, but there is much creative repetition of feel-good affirmations about God and Christ, as well as a large amount of social engineering. My short Commentary “[Decline of the Churches](#)” and article “[Further Decline of the Churches](#)” presents evidence that some megachurches now realize this fact. In the years of mid- to late-2000s some megachurches began surveying the effectiveness of teaching their audiences and people. They discovered a shocking widespread discontent linked to ineffective teaching. Here is one report about their surprising findings: “[Revealed: What Willow Creek Said Out Loud When It Dared To Look In the Mirror.](#)”

Initially they thought their methods of teaching were faulty, but what the people said (including many founding members of several congregations) was that they were not being fed straightforward biblical information. They were starved for details of deep scriptural truth.

In addition, evangelicals are realizing what many of us have known for decades: that much of traditional “Christian” teaching and practice has pagan roots that are not biblical. Publishers have hesitated to publish such information. But specialist and Christian religious consultant in beliefs and behavior George Barna strongly supported the book’s publication. He found a publisher, and the book was released in 2008. [Pagan Christianity: Exploring the Roots of Our Church Practices](#). It remains a best seller in the niche “Ecclesiology Christian Theology” category on Amazon. Lead author Frank Viola and co-author Barna present a severe critique of pagan teachings in Christian practice and doctrine.²

Some congregations try to return to the Bible, but find themselves limited by denominational, institutional, even legal or political constraints to present the truth of God’s teachings from the Scriptures. The article “Are You A Misfit?” will hold your interest and answer some questions you may have wondered about but never studied.

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² Dr. Martin’s book [The People That History Forgot](#) (free online) is an excellent [introduction](#) to the development of Christian heresy in the times after the apostles.