

The Identifying Points of the Anti-Christ Power

Thessalonians L10-SUPPLEMENT-A

- **POINTS OF ANTI-CHRIST IDENTITY EXPLAINED:** Please keep in mind that this lesson is giving the identity of a corrupted religious/political organization as revealed from the Holy Bible and the facts of History. It is not pointing out particular individuals who are unknowingly involved with this organization. God wants His people to know the truth, and to follow Him wherever Jesus leads (Rev. 14:4). He desires us to follow Jesus and come away from the sin and corruption of this wicked world and its misleading and even sinful organizations (Revelation 18:4,5).
- **(1) He is proud, and he takes worship to himself. This takes place within the spiritual temple of God, or namely, the church. (2) He must claim to have the power or place of God Himself.** (He exerts both a religious and political power) "...exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4; Daniel 7:8,20,25, "a mouth speaking great things," 8:11; Rev. 13:5,6). Notice also that Paul points out a "falling away" (2 Thess. 2:3) that was going to happen within the church which would allow this corruption to rise up in the church, and the "man of sin" to be revealed. **See Evidence below:**
 - In 1895 an article from the *Catholic National* said this: "**The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh.**" [*Catholic National* (July 1895).]
 - "... **the Pope holdeth place on earth, not simply of a man but of the true God....dissolves, not by human but rather by divine authority....I am in all and above all, so that God Himself and I, the vicar of God, hath both one consistory, and I am able to do almost all that God can do...** I then being above all prelates, seem by this reason to be **above all gods** (emphasis added)." [Decretales Domini Gregori IX Translatione Episcoporum, ("On the Transference of Bishops"), title 7, chapter 3; *Corpus Juris Canonice* (2nd Leipzig ed., 1881), Column 99; (Paris, 1612).]
"**The Pope takes the place of Jesus Christ on earth... the judge of all, being judged by no one, God himself on earth** (emphasis added)." [Quoted in the *New York Catechism*]
 - **Pope Pius V said this:** "The Pope and God are the same, so he has all power in Heaven and earth." [Pope Pius V, quoted in Barclay, *Cities Petrus Bertanous* Chapter XXVII: 218.]
 - **Pope Leo XIII said this about the role of the Pope:** "**We hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.**" [[Pope Leo XIII, Praeclara Gratulationis Publicae—The Reunion of Christendom \(Rome: 1894\).](#)]
 - **They call the priests "Father"—a name which Jesus said belongs only to God (ref. Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 23:9).**
- **This power is "deceptive."** Therefore it tries to look holy, and **claims to have the blessing and the miracle working power of God** (2 Thess. 2:9,10; Near the very end, he gets miraculous help from another "beast" or Kingdom power—Rev.13:11-14). (Keep in mind that a miracle is not necessarily a bad thing—there are real ones—but there are also false miracles used by Satan to make people think that they are going the right way when actually, they are not).
 - "Miracle reports are especially prevalent in **Roman Catholicism** and Pentecostal or Charismatic churches."—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miracle#Catholic_Church
 - "**The Miracles of the Church website is devoted to the extraordinary miracles that have occurred in the Catholic Church throughout the centuries** including miracles of the Eucharist, miracles through the intercession of the Saints, blood miracles, incorruptible bodies of the Saints, the crucifix of Limpias-Jesus comes alive, miracles during the appearances of the Blessed Virgin

Mary and many others. The author endeavors to be always faithful to the Catholic Church and its teachings.”—<http://www.miraclesofthechurch.com/>

- **He also persecutes the faithful followers of God**—especially for 1260 prophetic days or literal years during the middle ages (Dan. 7:21,25; Rev. 13:4,5,7; Num14:34; Ezek. 4:6).
 - **They persecuted millions** of faithful, Bible-believing Christians in the Dark Ages who did not agree with their teachings. Historians estimate nearly 50 million people were put to death by the Roman Church during the middle ages.
 - **For example:** “In the medieval period the Roman Catholic Church moved to suppress the Cathar heresy, the Pope having sanctioned a crusade against the Albigensians, during the course of which the massacre of Béziers took place, with between seven and twenty thousand deaths. Papal legate Arnaud Amalric, when asked how Catholics could be distinguished from Cathars once the city fell, famously replied, “Kill them all, God will know His own.” Over the twenty-year period of this campaign an estimated 200,000 to 1,000,000 people were killed.[24][25]
“John Huss, a Bohemian preacher of reformation, was burned at the stake on 6 July 1415. Pope Martin V issued a bull on 17 March 1420 which proclaimed a crusade “for the destruction of the Wycliffites, Hussites and all other heretics in Bohemia”.
“The Crusades in the Middle East also spilled over into conquest of Eastern Orthodox Christians by Roman Catholics and attempted suppression of the Orthodox Church. The Waldenses were as well persecuted by the Catholic Church, but survive up to this day.”--
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persecution_of_Christians
- **He’s called the “wicked” or “Lawless One” because he disregards the holy Law of God (2 Thess. 2:9,10; Daniel 7:25, “...He thinks to change the set times and laws”; 8:12)**
 - “He [the Pope] can pronounce sentences and judgments in contradiction to the rights of nations, to the law of God and man...He can free himself from the commands of the apostles, he being their superior, and from the rules of the Old Testament...The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ.” [Decretal de Translat. Episcop. Cap.] [sounds exactly like Dan.7:25]
 - See also SUPPLEMENT B, “Who confused the Christian world?”
- **He influences and wields power around the whole world over all peoples and languages—a world-wide influence (Rev. 13:7, 8).**
 - **Their world-wide influence is obvious.** Not to mention their role with the United Nations today.
- **He was going to rise up out of Rome, the fourth Empire of Daniel 7—as the old Pagan Rome was declining, this Little power would rise up among the divided nations of western Europe and show power over them (Dan. 7:8,20,23,24; Rev. 13:1-3).** In 2 Thessalonians 2:6-8 Paul reveals that this power would be rising up future from the time he was writing (Rome, A.D. 51), and yet before the 2nd Coming, in which God would destroy this corrupt power. These verses indicate that the current power who was existing “now,” as Paul wrote, was withholding and needed to be taken out of the way before this corrupt apostate power would rise up. As Pagan Rome was on the decline, this one was rising up!
 - Certainly the Roman church got its power in the west since Constantine moved the seat of his Empire to the East in the 4th Century and beyond. The Church raised her power over the nations of Europe throughout the middle ages. [Go online and check out the History—even look at the example of King Henry the 8th under the Church’s power]