

The Most Horrible Mistake

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I'm going to read out of the book of I John, and I'm going to go into as we spoke the other night on Chapter 1 of I John, I am going to go on now a little further into Chapter 2, and 3, for just a brief moment here. I want to note a couple little things here that sometimes are not recognized by religious people here on the earth. In Chapter 2:18, talks about the deceptions that will be in the last hour. "Little children...". Now, "little children" refers back here to verse 12. If you'll note here, there are categories of little children, verse 13 is fathers, and then young men, and again little children, fathers, young men - little children, young men, and fathers. There are probably, actually 4, because they're little children, and there's children.

But, anyway, these have a very profound thing, because if you were to note throughout the Scripture what little children, what they really are, they're just saved people, just little children born of the Spirit, by just the initial believing, initial confessions.

Young men that have been walking in the Spirit for a period of time, and they know the way, and they have cast out the spirits. They have known about the wicked one, and known how to speak, and they've known the blood of Jesus that cleanses. They've known that by the word of their testimony that they have been able to bring about a healing in their life in their inner man.

And, then there's the fathers, the ones who have walked in the Word. Those are the ones who have matured in the Word. They've been stable. They've cast out the spirits and the demons. They have turned their ways unto the Lord. They have seen in their

heart the right ways of the Lord, and they've been broken, exercised, changed into a new type of life. Being fathers, they can instruct the children and young men. They are an example for the ones who are around them and go behind them. The father is the one who sets, watches, and provides teaching and an example thereof. He's the one whose been through the fire. He's one who's been through testing. He's one whose been humbled by the ways of the Lord. And, he's one whose gone through chastening and rebuke. And, he's one who lives in the furnace in a continuous state and knows it not, because his life is a life of joy in the Lord.

So we have the fathers. And, examples of the fathers were King David, Moses, Paul the apostle, John the apostle, and others of that nature. Maybe Peter to a certain degree, Peter the apostle, but not so much as the others.

Now, it went on to say that if a man has not the love for his brother, he has not life within him. If a man hates his brother, he is in darkness, and he walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes, because there is hate in his heart.

Now, hate means this. A lot of people don't understand the meaning of hate. Hate is a great dislike, a great dislike, where you couldn't stand a person, or where you don't want them around, you want them dead, you want them hurt, you want them out of your sight, you may hold judgment or bitterness against them. You just dislike them because they've done something to you. They don't satisfy you. They don't meet your standards. They don't have your ways. They don't measure up to your judgment standards, and you hate them. You'll begin to grow a hatred toward them in the flesh within. You can tell when you have hatred toward somebody, because you'll think of them from time to time. The Spirit is trying to show you that hatred, and you'll think on them, and when you do, it'll just be like grind your teeth, and inside gall will come out of your belly, because you have that dislike for them inside, thinking, "if I could just get even with them." What am I going to do with them. I can't stand them, that person. I don't want

to ever have anything to do with them." You'll say, "Well, I don't have that great of dislike." Well the dislike has different degrees of dislike. Great dislike is hatred.

So, we come over here. We see in verse 18, and this is what I'm getting to. "Little children, it is the hour, and as you have heard, that the anti-christ is coming." Now an antichrist in this case would be a spirit that has entered into the heart, mind, mouth, soul, or whatever it may be, or upon a man or men, and so the anti-christ is coming. "Even now many anti-christs have come by which we know that it is the last hour." In other words, the last hour in that man's life as the anti-christ comes into his life, and comes upon him. Anti-christ is a spirit, but a spirit embodies or is upon, in the mouth of, or in the mind of, or in the heart of, or in the soul of a man, or men, or women. When I say man, I'm talking about male or female, because they be the same a man. Man includes male and female. And he says, "These ones, they went out from us," from our church body, from our house, and from our church body, from our unity group, from the believers, they went out, "but they were not of us. For, if they had been of us, they would have continued with us, but they went out that they might be made known or manifest that none of them were of us." He's speaking of "us" the saved, the believers, those who have Jesus in their heart, and the love of Jesus, and the true love. Now the anti-christ sometimes is very close to the Christ, because the anti-christ spirit will get inside and will use the name Jesus, does all the things that somebody who says Jesus, but his life does not have fruit in it, does not have the fruits of Jesus in it, and his ways are not pleasing as far as the commands and the Word of God are concerned.

So, we see that "if they had been of us," they would not "have gone out from us."

"The anti-christ is he who denies the Father and the Son." He is anti-christ who denies the Father and the Son." Whosoever denies the Son does not have the Father either. He who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. Now, the Son is the Living Word. The Son is the Living Word. And, it says above it that "it is in no wise of the truth." So, he that is a liar denies that Jesus is the Christ, and he denies the truth of the

Word of God.

Now, I go into this area to show you that he who is of the anti-christ, might go out from you, because sooner or later, they will not be of you, there's no unity between you, and they will pass from you. They may be relatives, they may be family, they may be your old friends, they may be husband or wife. They may be children. They may be anyone. You do not know who that anti-christ will be until you begin to see the fruit mature within yourself, and then you notice as you begin to mature in yourself and the others in the true body around you, you then begin to see the anti-christ around you, because you'll see that they have no maturity. You'll begin to see that they have no fruits. You'll begin to see that the pleasures of this world is their first objective. You'll begin to see the anti-christ deny the Son and the Father. He doesn't speak out of his lips and deny and say, "No, I don't believe in Him," etc. They may in the end. No, no, no! He would never do such a thing, because he's trying to become a Christian. He's trying to become like you, and he's doing this, while all the time down deep inside, he wishes he was somewhere else, pleasuring himself, making some money, doing his own will, living for himself, setting up his own house, and doing his own worship in his own way, according to what he thinks worship is, and then reading the Word, and then living by it according to his own standards, and judging himself according to those standards that he's read in the Word. That is the one who denies the Son and the Father. He denies the Living Word, because he denies the Christ to become his Lord and King. He denies inside by his own actions, his own beliefs, his own inward heart, he denies the Christ to come in and change his life, turn him around, chasten him, rebuke him, clean him up, wash him, and set him on the right course. And he becomes then, a denier of the Christ. He denies the entry. He denies the work. He denies the action, inward, by closing his doors of his heart and of his life, to the Christ, the Living Word, the Spirit of God, the Truth of the Lord, the Truth of the Word coming in and convicting him, and changing him, and turning him around and to go the right direction.

He denies that. Denies means he prevents, he hinders, he stops, he shuts the door on this taking place in his life and in his heart. He cannot be chastened, because he will run from it or go hide, or, he will accuse somebody else of being wrong instead of himself. He cannot be chastened or corrected because he doesn't want to be told he's wrong. He doesn't want to see his sins or his faults. He denies that he's got sin or fault, really. He denies it in his own heart, because he says, "I don't see that. I don't believe that I've done that. Well, I just don't know when I've done that kind of way," and he begins to deny it by lies that protrude out of his mouth, by the thinking of his own mind. He has the spirit of the anti-christ working in him, because he is denying the Father and the Son, the Living Word. He is denying the Word of God and the Commandments of God to live and to be written in the tables of his heart. Now, the way that God writes the laws and the commandments of God in your heart, is that he writes them in through chastening and rebuke, and through letting you wallow in your sin in the furnace, and you'll know how sick you really are until you can't stand it, until you abhor yourself within, and then the Word of God begins to come into you softly with understanding. At first when it comes you can't stand it. You don't want to hear it. You don't like it, because it tells you that you're wrong. It reveals your sin. It opens up your darkness. It opens you up to rebuke and change. It opens you up to others seeing you as you really are. You can't stand it. You don't want it to be seen.

But, he who continues to be broken, and continues to mature, continues to let God plant fruit in him, and mature that fruit, true fruit - not the kind of fruit that you can tear down and it washes away, and falls apart, and goes into anger and bitterness, and calamities. No, I'm talking about the one that believes in all things, trusts in all things, stands steadfast in all things, proves all things, etc. from I Cor., Chapter 13. That's the fruit, the real fruits, as written in Galatians, Chapter 5.

But in this the children of God and the children of the devil are identified. For he who is of the Lord, begins to have fruit. And he begins to have a brokenness, and a

gentleness, and a humbleness. He begins to have a tenderness and a weeping upon him. He's easy to weep. He weeps because he knows how wrong he's been. He weeps because the cross of Jesus inside of him hurts. He knows that he bears that cross in his own heart, in his own spirit, and he feels, the pain and the suffering that Jesus felt. He picks up his cross and he follows the Lord.

Then it says over in Chapter 3:3, and I'm going to read the 3 first and then I'll go back and explain it to you. "And everyone who has this hope," this hope, this hope, "in Him," capital H-i-m, and let me read it as "in Him", as "in Jesus," "purifies himself," little "h," "just as He," Jesus, "is pure." Now let's see what we really said. "Everyone who has this hope," some hope which we're going to talk about, in Jesus, hope in Jesus, hope in Jesus of doing it, hope that Jesus will do it and has done it, and it's for sure that He will, that man purified himself by doing that, just believing that, having that hope. Just as Jesus was made pure in His hope, so is this man made pure, purifies himself, because Jesus was pure. And, here it is. "Beloved, now, we are children of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know, that when He, (Jesus), is revealed, we shall be like Him. For we shall see Him, (Jesus), as He is. We shall see Him from the exactness of His heart, His Spirit, and there shall be no darkness in Him. He shall be pure light. And the hope that I have in me, is that I shall see Him, and He shall be revealed, and I shall be like Him, because I have that hope that He will make me as He is. Therefore, that hope that I see that He shall make me like Him, and when I see Him, I shall be like Him, for I shall see Him as He is. Then, and everyone who has this hope in Jesus, purifies himself, just as Jesus is pure. In other words, I believed that Jesus purified Himself, that Jesus was made pure light, that Jesus gave up Himself in purity, without sin, and that God accepted Him as such, and rose Him to the right hand of Himself, God the Father, and He is pure in all of His ways, and there is Light, and no darkness in Him. And he who believes that, hopes that, has faith in that, he likewise believes that he has that hope and faith that Jesus is like that, and that he is the first

born of the resurrection, he is the first of many, then that hope that you have in him purifies yourself, just as Jesus was pure, your hope in Him becomes pure.

It is as if a man did a fast, and because you stood on that fast, and hoped in him, if his fast was accepted by God, then you likewise would receive because your faith and hope in that was brought with it.

So, my salvation is not what I do, it is no works of my own, but it is the hope that I have in Jesus that He has done all that is needed, and accepted by God, and God heard **Him**, and accepted **Him**, therefore, my faith and hope in that purifies me, and gives me salvation, because of Him, in Whom I hope. Not in whom I do the works for, not in him who I do this for, but in Him Who I hope in. And if I have that hope and that belief, and it is within me, then the purity that I receive will be felt within me, for my sins shall be washed away, as I confess them, as I repent on them, as I declare them and bring them forth, He shall make me new, because He makes me, He purifies me, day by day. He doesn't say that I am pure, perfect, and exquisite, at that moment. There is a time in that position, and God calls all things that are to be, as if they are today.

What must I do while it is taking place? Then I must follow His commandments, for if I fail to follow His commandments, then there is no love within me. So, I give you that.

And who is that liar? But, "he is that one that denies that Jesus is the Christ," the Christ, the Anointed Messiah, the Anointed Savior. How would he deny that? He would have denial in his heart, disbelief. He would have questions. He would have doubt. He would have bewilderment, and wondering. He would say, "I wonder if it will work. I wonder if I need to do something more. I wonder if I shouldn't do this or that, FOR my works. Won't I have to go to purgatory for while? Shouldn't I give ten per cent of my money so that I will be buying my way in? Etc. and etc."

We go back to Chapter 1, now, in Verse 9: "If we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." As I declare my sins, past, present and future, even though He's forgiven me. He will

cleanse my sins which gives me that purity as I walk, in the light, as He's in the light. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us. How would I say I've not sinned? It is when I know that conviction is upon me for something I've said, thought, did, or wished to do. I have a conviction upon me, nudging at me that doesn't give me perfect peace, but I continue to not say anything on it. I continue not to bring it up, I continue not to confess it. I don't want to put the light on it. Light on it means speak it out of my mouth, and speak it what it is, to someone else, but instead, I'm ashamed, embarrassed. I'm hardheaded, full of pride, whatever it may be, and I keep it hidden within me, then my sin remains. And, if my sin remains, then I don't have fellowship with the Lord. After awhile, my fellowship deteriorates, and darkness begins to settle over me again, because there's the lie within me, and that is the denial of Jesus the Christ. I deny Him in my heart, when I'm being convicted that I'm wrong, that I am in sin, that I have done something wrong. I am denying Him in my confession. I've failed to confess. I've failed to repent. I've failed to declare. I've failed to bring it forth, so therefore, that's the denial of the Christ within me.

Oh, there's a big denial at the very first. You might deny Him of the Christ and never be saved. We're talking about little children, and fathers, and young men who might deny Him. We're not talking about heathens. We're not talking Gentiles, and unbelievers. We're talking about believers. We're talking about confessing believers. We're talking about church goers. We're talking about those who confess to be in the body of Christ. They come into the body, and some of them went out, because the anti-christ spirit was found on them and within them, and they no longer desired to serve the Lord in His goodness and His glory. They no longer desire to be chastened, and broken, and corrected, and made right, but their desire was to live for themselves, walk their own way, do their own things, and pleasurize themselves with their own time. It's too hard for them to learn the way of the Lord, too hard for them, too much to be broken. So, he does not have that faith in Jesus the Christ, that purifies that man, just as Jesus

is pure.

Now, in all this, he who hates his brother is in darkness, and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. He cannot see. He cannot understand what he's doing. After awhile with hatred inside, he begins to judge the ways of God. He judges servants of God, He judges the ways of God, He judges the men and women of this earth, He judges other people, and he judges them all guilty and himself right. He judges all of them wrong and himself right, and in that he has denied the Christ, and he is in sin, and he has called the works of the Spirit a lie. For when he has been convicted down inside with that little nudging conviction, and when he is being told by others around him that he is wrong, and he continues to deny it, he has denied the Christ. He has denied the way of the Lord. He has denied the sin that is upon him, and he has turned back from cleansing, but he has turned unto darkness. He has turned to do his own will and his own way.

Now, I want to ask you a question, and I'll look to the audience for the answer, to tell me on this one question, the example I want to use from the Scripture related to what I just told you, is found in the book of Genesis. And the man who I am going to use as an example, is a man by the name of Cain. Now, Cain was the first born of God's creation. Adam was not the first born, Adam was the first created. Eve was not the first born. Eve was of the first created, because God made man, singular, one. Inside that man was male and female, Adam and Eve, and then God separated the woman out of the man's body, and made them male and female that they might be companions to each other in their time upon this earth. Yet, they were of the same body, of one, of one likeness. So, out of that union, between the body of Adam, which was a male and female now, in that union, the first-born that we read of, that's recorded in history, was Cain.

Now, Cain became a son of perdition, He gave his soul to the devil, and he gave it to the devil because he had what? Why did Cain lose his eternal life? Let me ask you,

"Why?"

Answers: "Hatred for his brother."

What? Speak it.

"Hatred for his brother."

What do you say he lost his eternal life because of?

"Envy."

Envy. The man says envy. What do you say?

"He denied what God was telling him."

He denied what God was telling him. What do you say?

"Hatred for his brother."

Hatred for his brother. What do you say?

"He denied what the Spirit was telling him."

He denied what the Spirit was telling him. Well, that's enough. Let me tell you. You all are wrong. You are all wrong. None of you are correct. And yet, you are all right.

What you say is true in all of these cases. But to hate your brother didn't kill him, because God would never deny him eternal life because you hated your brother. He would never deny you eternal life because you didn't listen when you were told to, but He would deny you eternal life for what Cain did. He made the one, unpardonable, inexcusable, eternal damnation sin.

The one sin that he did, he went out from the presence of God, without repentance. Hear me carefully. He went out from the presence of God without repentance, and there was no second chance, because God had dealt with him in his life for a period of time, over and over again, telling him, showing him, bringing forth before him, through other people, and through God's own showing, so that He gave him every possible way he had to repent. Repentance could have been a sacrifice acceptable to God. A sacrifice acceptable to God, is what? It's repentance with sorrow, and tears, for you're sorry for your deeds. That's what it is, and Cain, the son of perdition, the first example

of the son of perdition, of a man lost eternally, the first born of God's creation lost his eternal life, because he went out from the presence of God without repentance, without proper sacrifice, the proper sacrifice, being an offering from his heart of his sorrow for the hatred and the death of his brother. He wasn't being accused for killing his brother, he was accused for hating his brother. Jealousy and envy were upon him. He had all kinds of sins upon him, but none of them killed him. His eternal death came about because there came a time when God gave up on him, and he passed out of the presence of God, out of the presence of God, and he had not yet repented.

Oh, I'm telling you. It's a sick thing to see someone who has passed from the presence of God without repentance. And, you can tell those people, usually, because they know they're wrong. They have no emotion about it. They can talk to you about it day after day how many sins they've got, and what they've done wrong, and even they'll come to the place where they begin to say, "I wish I could repent like I used to. I wish I could repent and be sorry. I just don't know what to do, I just really don't know. I think I'm wrong. I believe I'm wrong. I might be wrong. I could be wrong. I don't know whether I'm wrong." All these type of words will come out of their mouth."

But they always had to be in the presence of God for one long period of time, or they would not, they would **not** have this happen to them, because a man who has not yet accepted Jesus, is given opportunity after opportunity to do so. But when he has, you better not turn back, but you better get your hands on the plow, but, if you make a mistake, you have an advocate in Jesus Christ, Who will cleanse your sins when you ask Him, when you repent on it, when you tell Him you're sorry, when you weep with sorrow, whatever it may take to change your heart and to TURN from your ways, and to TURN back to Jesus, Whom is your Savior, your propitiation for your sins.

Cain lost his life because he passed from the presence of God without repentance. His heart was too hard to repent. He was too set in his own rights, believing himself right. He killed his brother, because he hated him, because his brother had what he

didn't have: the right way of a life, the right way of a heart. And from that, he hated him.

So much for man upon this earth today. It is so true of man. How is your heart?
Does it need repentance? Could you be carrying some of that same burden?