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Not All Were Antichrist

To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled (**Titus 1:15**).

It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that, because one, or some, of a class of people do a thing, that everyone in that class must be guilty of the same thing. When "Antichrists" left the church of Christ, John wrote,

They went out from us, 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 manifest, that none of them were of us (**1 John 2:19**).

John clearly showed that not all members of the churches of Christ were "Antichrist," because those who became "Antichrist" were no longer satisfied to remain within the churches of Christ.

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**Not All Are Justified**

Many people seem to think that there is safety and justification for what they do because "others are doing it." Thus, we constantly hear things like: "all politicians are liars and immoral;" "everyone misuses drugs;" "all church-goers are hypocritical;" "all corporations are corrupt;" "all heterosexual marriages are abusive," ad nauseum!

Using others' sins to "justify" our own is something the New Testament warns against:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**).

We might blind ourselves to our own sins, but God is not blinded by numbers. In the Judgment,

Each one may receive the things done in the body (**2 Corinthians 5:10**).

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Receiving Christ Jesus

As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving (**Colossians 2:6-7**).

To "receive Jesus," a person must be "taught" "in the faith." Paul wrote,

We urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God (**1 Thessalonians 4:1**).

If the Thessalonians had "received Jesus" apart from Scripture, why did Paul need to write Scripture to them to tell them how "to walk and to please God?" Paul warned to:

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men (**Colossians 2:8**).

"Receive Jesus" the Scriptural way, not by man-made traditional teaching.

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**Jesus Marked the 'Last Times'**

[Jesus Christ] indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God (**1 Peter 1:20-21**).

Peter wrote this New Testament Book in the First Century, saying Jesus "was manifest in these last times." Whose "last times?" Not the church of Christ, because Jesus instructed:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen." (**Matthew 28:19-20**)

Jesus came in God's "last times" of the Jews as His chosen people.

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Have a Good Heart

[Solomon said:] He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered (**Proverbs 28:26**).

[Jeremiah said:] The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; who can know it? (**Jeremiah 17:9**).

God's inspired Word tells us, in no uncertain words, not to depend upon what our own heart says about our spiritual condition, but to listen to what God has said. Jesus Christ said:

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man" (**Mark 7:21-23**).

Since evil comes "from within, out of the heart of men," we should "overcome evil with good" (**Romans 12:21**).

A deceitful heart finds no good (**Proverbs 17:20**).

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