

Millennial Antichrists by John T. Polk II

The Apostle John warned that all doctrines should be compared to the Bible teaching about Jesus Christ.

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world." (1 John 4:1-3)

It is clear that every doctrine that would ignore: Jesus' relationship to His Father as the Son of God; His teaching on any subject; or the fact of his existence on Earth; should be rejected as "antichrist."

Every part of Millennial doctrine is "antichrist," for their claims contradict clear Bible facts about Jesus Christ. They claim:

1) He failed to establish His kingdom! Reply:

a) If this is true, then no one has observed the Lord's supper!

"And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Luke 22:29-30)

b) Then no one has been "born again" into His kingdom!

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' Nicodemus said to Him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.'" (John 3:3-5)

If Jesus could not, and did not, establish His kingdom when He came to Earth, then no one has become a citizen of that kingdom or taken the Lord's Supper!

2) He failed to sit on David's throne! Reply:

The facts are that:

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a) Jesus died and was buried.

"Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it." (Acts 2:23-24);

b) David's prophecy said Jesus would not be in the grave longer than 3 days before being raised out of it!

"For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'" (Acts 2:25-28, which quotes "Psalm 16:8-11");

c) Jesus was raised "to sit" on David's throne in heaven!

"Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear." (Acts 2:29-33);

If Jesus is not now on David's throne in heaven, as Peter and the Apostles preached on Pentecost, then Jesus Christ has never been raised from the dead!

3) He failed to overcome Satan! Reply:

a) But Jesus said He came to do this.

"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself. This He said, signifying by what death He would die." (John 12:31-33);

b) John claimed Jesus accomplished this very thing!

"He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8);

- c) If He did not, then there has been no crucifixion for our sins! 3
"Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

If, when Jesus was crucified in the 1st Century, He did not "destroy the works of the devil," then the Gospel is false, and no one has received forgiveness from, or remission of, sins, because He had said, "this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

4) He will restore Moses' Law and the Jewish kingdom! Reply:

- a) But Jesus said the Jews would lose the kingdom.
"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder. Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them." (Matthew 21:43-45)
- b) The animal blood of Moses' Law saved no one.
"Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption." (Hebrews 9:12);
- c) If Moses' Law made one righteous, Christ died in vain!
"I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain." (Galatians 2:21)

If Jesus is going to restore Moses' Law and the kingdom to Israel in the future, then the system through which God never intended to save will be used to completely negate Jesus' death, burial and resurrection! Paul preached:

"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses." (Acts 13:38-39)

5) His will be an earthly kingdom! Reply:

- a) But that's the kind of kingdom they claim Jesus failed to

establish when He came to the earth the first time! 4
Why believe He can establish it on a second attempt?

- b) That's the kind of kingdom Jesus denied He established.
"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.'" (John 18:36);
- c) Even the Old Testament patriarchs sought "a heavenly" one.
"For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." (Hebrews 11:14-16)

Since the Old Testament saints were looking beyond an earthly kingdom and Jesus refused to establish an earthly one, then Millennialism rejects what both Old Testament patriarchs understood, and Jesus knew, to be true!

How many more denials of Jesus Christ will it take to be "antichrist?"

Jesus Christ said:

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33)

Or is this yet another statement of doctrine from Jesus Christ to be ignored or denied by Millennialists? -----John T. Polk II

Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

~"I cannot teach anybody anything. I can only make them think" ---Socrates

~Seeds of faith are always within us; sometimes it takes a crisis to nourish and encourage their growth.

~"Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid." --Ronald Reagan



"But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'" (Luke 16:31 NKJV)