

Beware of Anti-Christ's

Many deceivers have gone out teaching the opposite of what Jesus taught. Those people are anti-Christ's and following their teaching and example will not get you where Jesus went. To get where Jesus is, you have to follow Jesus' example, teaching and commands.

Jesus taught:

Love your enemies and do not resist those who do evil. [1]

Do not judge or condemn others or you can expect the same treatment from God. [2]

Do not store up treasure for yourself on earth because your heart will be where your treasure is. [3]

Blessed are the poor, hungry, those who weep and the persecuted. Woe to the rich, well fed, those who laugh now and those that everyone speaks well of. [4]

Divorce and remarriage is adultery, as is marriage to a divorced person. You should not separate what God has joined together. [5]

If you refuse to forgive others, God will not forgive you; he will even revoke his past forgiveness. [6]

It would be better to be drowned in the sea than to put a stumbling block in front of another. [7]

Self-denial, taking up your own cross and following the way Jesus went are requirements for being a Christian. [8]

If you love your life and seek to save it, you will lose your life. If you hate your life and give it up for Jesus and his message, then you can have eternal life. [9]

The cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, the pleasures of life and the desire for things in this world are thorny weeds that can choke out your life and make it unfruitful for God. [10]

The way to life is difficult and only available to those who struggle to enter through a narrow entrance. Many who want to enter will not be able. [11]

Common anti-Christ teachings are:

Going to war, self-defense and suing others are acceptable.

You can be a soldier, police officer or judge or in other ways bring judgments and condemnations on others and God will still have mercy on you.

You can store up money and possessions here for yourself as long as your heart is not set on them.

Blessed are the rich, well fed, those enjoying life and those that everyone speaks well of.

Even if God has joined you to someone, taking another husband or wife is acceptable as long as the government gives you a certificate of divorce first.

God will forgive whoever asks him to do so. Once God has forgiven you, nothing you can do can change that.

God is only interested in your heart and does not care about externals. If someone is tempted and falls into sins such as lust or greed because of the way you dress or the luxury you surround yourself with, God will not hold you accountable for that.

All that is required to be a Christian is to believe some true things about who Jesus is and what he did, to feel bad about your sins, and to accept his offer of forgiveness of sins.

You can love your life and seek to save it and still look forward to heaven.

You can spend most of your life caught up in the cares of this world, the pursuit of riches, life's pleasures and obtaining things of this world, as long as you still set aside a little time for God.

The way to life is easy and the entrance to it is so wide that very little effort will have to be made and very little will have to be given up to get onto this way.

At the final judgment, Jesus' words will judge what you did and did not do and will determine your eternal destiny. [12]

If you endure to the end, you will be saved. [13]

Your hatred of sin should be so great that you should be willing to cut your hand off or pluck your eye out if that is what it takes to stop sinning because losing a body part is better than being thrown into hell. [14]

The perfect God of love is someone to be feared. Many people who call Jesus their Lord will be cast out in the last day because they did not obey what his son taught. Even those who have given up everything to follow Jesus should fear the one who can cast their body and soul into hell. [15]

If you love Jesus you will obey his rules and you must obey his rules to abide in his love and be his friend. [16]

Your works have nothing to do with your final destiny except the work of accepting Jesus' gift of forgiveness.

If you were born again, you will be saved in the end even if you do not endure.

Living in sin will be your daily experience until you die and you should just accept that, even with God's help, you are not able to be free from sin in this life.

Hell is only a place for those who did not say they were sorry for their sins and ask Jesus into their hearts. Once someone has done that, his place in heaven is guaranteed.

Jesus' message and the new covenant is not about commands and rules. Only the old covenant had rules.

References:

[1] Matthew 5:38-48, Luke 6:27-36

[2] Matthew 7:1-2, Luke 6:37-38

[3] Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 12:33-34

[4] Luke 6:20-26

[5] Matthew 5:31-31, Matthew 19:3-12, Mark 10:2-12, Luke 16:18

[6] Matthew 6:14-15, Matthew 18:21-35, Mark 11:25, Luke 6:37

[7] Luke 17:1-2 [8] Matthew 10:38, Matthew 16:24, Mark 8:34, Luke 9:23, Luke 14:27

[9] Matthew 16:25-26, Mark 8:35-57, Luke 9:24-25, John 12:25

[10] Matthew 13:22, Mark 4:18-19, Luke 8:14

[11] Matthew 7:13-14, Luke 13:24

[12] Matthew 16:24-28, Matthew 25, John 5:25-29, John 12:48 among many others.

[13] Matthew 10:21-22, Matthew 24:13, Mark 13:13

[14] Matthew 5:29-30, Matthew 18:8-9, Mark 9:43-48

[15] Matthew 7:21-23, Matthew 10:26-28, Luke 12:4-5 among others.

[16] John 14:15-15:17

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:3-6, ESV)

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. (1 Timothy 6:3-4a, ESV)

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' Everyone then who hears these words of mine and **does** them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and **does not do** them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:21-27, ESV)