

AND GOD SAYS . . .

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God's Word declares: "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world" (1 John 4:1-3).

I believe we, as Christians, we need to become more knowledgeable concerning this teaching of Scripture if we are going to have personal victory in our Christian life, as well as understand the spirit that drives so much of our society.

A lady was speaking with a person who was very depressed and hopeless. So she asked her, "Who is Jesus Christ?" The lady became silent, she did not answer. Yet she professed to be a Christian and attended church regularly.

What happened, I believe, gets at the root of much that is happening in our nation today. According to the Scripture quoted above, the problem is that there is a spiritual battle taking place and we are not even aware of it.

I write this at the risk that some may think I am delusional, but unless we understand the true battle, we will lose the war.

We are involved in a spiritual war. It has been a spiritual war since the beginning. This war has been won through Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. But the final victory won't occur until Jesus comes back again to absolutely defeat the antichrist and cast him into the bottomless pit.

Until then, Satan's goal is to take us captive. God's goal is to save us. But ultimately the decision lies with us as we answer the question, "What will we do with Jesus?"

For me and my house, I believe that Jesus is God, our Redeemer. What do YOU believe?