

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM AUGUST 31, 2014

BY PASTOR ANDREW KIKKERT, SUNRISE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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1 John 2:18-20

“Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.”



When I read the denials of historic biblical Christianity (the atoning death of Jesus for our sins, the omniscience and sovereignty of God, the second coming of the Lord in glory) - what strikes me is the ease with which many people are deceived. Two things account for this: a lack of grounding in the Word of God and a lack of life in the Holy Spirit. Or to put it another way, when people have no theological depth and no vital experience of the Holy Spirit, they are easy marks for any deceiver and ultimately the antichrist.

1 John is written for an age like ours, and the two things John strives for are a deeper rooting in the Word of God and a deeper experience of the Spirit of God. These are two of the greatest needs of the Church today. The Word of God and the Spirit of God are our only hope for stability in a world filled with antichrists. Yet spiritual maturity and depth are rarely seen in the pulpits, much less the pews of the local church body.

John's view of the end-times seems to be that there is a singular antichrist coming but that the spirit of antichrist is already in the world and that it produces many preliminary lesser forms of the antichrist. The essence of the antichrist spirit is to deny that Jesus was the Christ or to deny that the Christ was fully incarnate in Jesus. The spirit of antichrist does whatever it can to diminish Christ and substitute other views or other persons for the true incarnate Son of God. Consider the following texts where John refers to the antichrist. (These are the only places in the whole New Testament where the term antichrist occurs.)

John is very concerned that the church be alert to what he calls "the liar" or "deceivers." Many such deceivers have gone out into the world. We live in a period of time where God in His sovereignty allows deception to spread. In 5:19 John says, "The whole world is in the power of the evil one." We live in the last hours of this deception. This will be my prayer for all of us here at Sunrise Community Church - that the Word abides in us and that we abide in the Spirit. I pray that Sunrise loves the Word, and continues to gather Sunday after Sunday to worship in the Spirit and in the truth. For the Lord seeks those who will worship him in Spirit and in truth.

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Dwelling In Beulah Land

“You will be called Hepzibah, and your land Beulah,”
Isaiah 62:4

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Words & Music: C. Austin Miles, 1911. Also composed words and music for *In the Garden*

Far away the noise of
 strife upon my ear is
 falling.

Then I know the sins of
 earth beset on every
 hand.

Doubt and fear and
 things of earth in
 vain to me are
 calling.

None of these shall move me from Beulah Land.

Refrain

I'm living on the mountain, underneath a cloudless sky.

I'm drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry.

O yes! I'm feasting on the manna from a bountiful supply,

For I am dwelling in Beulah Land.

Far below the storm of doubt upon the world is
 beating.

Sons of men in battle long the enemy withstand.
 Safe am I within the castle of God's Word retreat-
 ing.

Nothing then can reach me—'tis Beulah Land.

Refrain

Let the stormy breezes blow, their cry cannot alarm
 me;

I am safely sheltered here, protected by God's
 hand.

Here the sun is always shining, here there's naught
 can harm me.

I am safe forever in Beulah Land.

Refrain

Viewing here the works of God, I sink in contempla-
 tion.

Hearing now His blessed voice, I see the way He
 planned.

Dwelling in the Spirit here I learn of full salvation.
 Gladly I will tarry in Beulah Land.



C. Austin Miles, 1868-1956

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

September 2014

- Aug. 31 8:45 a.m. 1 John 2:18-23 *Avoiding Deception Part 1*
 10:30 a.m. Second Hour
 Pastor Andy Preaching at Westminster
- Sept. 1 Labor Day
- Sept. 5 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Game Night
- Sept. 7 8:45 a.m. 1 John 2:24-27 *Avoiding Deception Part 2*
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School - Digging Deeper
- Sept. 12 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Sept. 14 8:45 a.m. 1 John 2:28-29 *Are You Ready for His Coming?*
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School - Corporate Prayer
- Sept. 16 7:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY RETURNS
- Sept. 19 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Game Night
- Sept. 21 8:45 a.m. 1 John 3:1 *The Father's Great Love*
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- Sept. 23 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at the Kikkert's
- Sept. 26 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- Sept. 28 8:45 a.m. 1 John 3:2-3 *The Purifying Hope*
 10:30 a.m. Pastor Andy Preaches for the Presbyterians
- Sept. 30 7:00 p.m. Bible Study at the Kikkert's
- Oct 3 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Game Night

Prayer for injured teen sparks atheist outrage

By TODD STARNES, FOX NEWS

The injured player was on the ground being tended to by trainers and coaches.

So the Seminole High School football team did what many football teams do. The teenage boys took a knee, bowed their heads and prayed for their injured teammate.

But that simple act of compassion and humanity in Sanford, Florida sparked outrage from the Freedom From Religion Foundation - a group of perpetually offended atheists from Wisconsin. An FFRF attorney fired off a letter to the superintendent of Seminole County Public Schools - accusing them of having an adult lead the prayer for the injured child.

A school district spokesman told me the injured child, who is the son of the team's head coach, has since rejoined the team.

"It is our information and understanding that Seminole High School (is) allowing an adult, a local pastor, to act as a 'volunteer chaplain' for the football team," FFRF attorney Andrew Seidel wrote. The attorney said the school cannot "allow a non-school adult access to the children in its charge, and certainly cannot grant that access to a pastor seeking to organize prayer for the students." The FFRF told the school district to "refrain from having a 'volunteer team chaplain' at Seminole High School.

The school district said the prayer was instigated by students and denied that a chaplain prayed with the team. School spokesman Mike Blasewitz told MyNews13.com that the school doesn't even have a team chaplain, contrary to the FFRF's allegations.

"There is nothing to cease and desist because our behavior was within the guidelines in the first place," he told television station WFTV. "No adults in the photo, no adults participating, no adults leading it."

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"FFRF is very pleased with central Florida's new-found commitment to upholding the First Amendment and protecting the rights of conscience of all students, not just Christians," he said. Parents, meanwhile, are a bit perturbed with the atheist bullying.

"There are a lot more important issues going on in the world than worrying about kids praying at a game," parent Andre Collins told ClickOrlando.com. "We live in a country where we're free to do what we want to do."

Barbara Frase has a grandson on the football team. She could not believe the atheists would call out the kids for praying. "Come on, let's get real," she told ClickOrlando.com.

Seminole County is not the first school district targeted by these rabid atheists - and they won't be the last. Earlier this week, I exposed the Christian cleansing underway in Orange County, Florida public schools.

But it truly takes a special kind of evil to threaten Americans because they prayed over an injured child.

Heaven help us all.

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