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Episode 79 - Unveiling Revelation: Understanding Apostasy and the Trinity

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Join Scott Stanley from DTG Ministries as he explores the profound themes of the book of Revelation, focusing on the concepts of apostasy and the Trinity. Contrary to common understanding, the word 'Antichrist' does not appear in Revelation, yet its spirit is felt throughout, echoing the warnings about widespread apostasy.

Scott delves deep into the scriptures, particularly John 8 and 1 Corinthians, to uncover the true meaning of Christ's mission and the salvation He offers from iniquity, beyond mere forgiveness of sins. A rich discussion reveals the symbolic messages of the sacrifices in Leviticus, pointing to a deeper understanding of Christ's sacrifice and the path to becoming true children of God.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi. This is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries continuing to delve into the deep things of God, looking at the book of Revelation. I guess, when I think of Revelation, I think of

antichrist, although the word antichrist is not in the book of Revelation. But you know that the antichrist apostasy is what Revelation is talking about.

When you see the horses in chapter 6, you see the trumpets being sounded. All of that is wrapped up in the fact that there was an apostasy in the first generation. I'm not sure that people can really get their minds around that... that even at the end of the world, the apostasy is still there, and God's people are still trying to come out of it. One of the issues about the apostasy is that we know the Trinity is the main doctrine of the apostasy. But because of that Trinity doctrine, they have lost sight of why Christ died.

When we read that he came to deliver us from our sins, in the mind of those in apostasy, that means forgiveness, and you're delivered from the punishment of your sin. But what the Bible brings out is something different. It brings out that Christ wants to deliver you from iniquity. He wants to save us from iniquity. I just want to read something. I believe I've covered this before, but this just leads into other things. In the gospel of John, chapter 8, I began to realize that what you're seeing in verse 31 is the root of the apostasy. Because, see, in John 8:31,

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him...

Well, the apostasy believes he's the Christ, but they've had to redefine what that means to retain this Trinity doctrine. So when John says in 1 John 2:18-19: *The antichrist spirit is here. That's why we know we're living in the last days, and they went out from us...* I've pointed out that in order to be a part of the church, they had to believe what is stated in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, that Jesus is the Christ, he died for your sin, he was buried, he rose, and he was seen. So with those things in mind, when I read this in John 8:30, he's speaking to Jews who believe in him. But I want you to see what happens because they will walk away from him. I could see, as time went on, after Jesus was raised and everything, that they would disagree with the apostles.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, Now if you'll continue in my word (and that word "continue" is "to remain") ... If you'll remain, then you're my disciples indeed;

And we know, of course, they didn't remain. They walked away.

Joh 8:32 You'll know the truth (if you remain) ... You'll know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Let me say here from the outset that the narrow path Jesus speaks of is to believe he is the Son of God. That's the narrow way... and *few there be that find it* (Mat 7:14). The whole idea of believing he is the Son of God means you believe what happened at his baptism. Not only did a dove come down and land on him, but the voice of God was heard stating, "*You are my Son,*" but let me not get ahead of myself.

John 8:32, *You'll know the truth, and the truth will set you free if you remain in my word, because the path of the just is as the shining light*, Proverbs 4:18. *It'll shine more and more to the perfect day.* The path of the just. Well, the path of the just is the narrow way. Once you understand he's the Son of God, you're on the path to a brighter light, a more perfect understanding.

Jhn 8:33 Then they answered him, and they said, Well, we're Abraham's seed, we were never in bondage to any man: how do you say then, You're made free? (See, they're already offended.)

Jhn 8:34 Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits the sin ...

We know from 1 John 3:4, "the sin" is "lawlessness," or its iniquity. The problem we all have is iniquity. That's lawlessness.

Jhn 8:34 ... Whosoever commits iniquity is a servant of iniquity.

Jhn 8:35 And the servant doesn't remain in the house of God for ever: it's the Son who remains forever.

So you can believe all of these things about Jesus and still just be a servant. See, remember that Jesus gives you the authority to be a child of God. He gives you that authority because he is God's only begotten Son. If you can believe that and get on that path, eventually, you'll realize "He loves me as much as he loves Jesus" (Jhn 17:23). But you've got to get on the path. So, *whosoever has committed iniquity is the servant of iniquity*. If you're believing Jesus is the Son of God, if you're believing he's the Christ, yet you're still in iniquity, see, you're not understanding the cross, and I'm talking about

today. What Jesus was talking about was the narrow way, and what's going to happen along the way. You're going to be set free from iniquity, and you'll no longer just be a servant of God. You're going to be a child of God.

Jhn 8:36 So, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

So, again, you've got to believe he's the Son, and you've got to understand what happened on the cross. Jesus is speaking before the cross here.

Jhn 8:36 If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Jhn 8:37 I know you're Abraham's seed; but you're seeking to kill me because my word doesn't have any place in you (or in your conscience).

Jhn 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father, and you're doing that which you've seen with your father.

Jhn 8:39 They answered and said, Abraham's our father.

See, again, they had not reached the place to have the authority to say they were children of God.

Jhn 8:38 I speak that which I've seen with my Father, and you're doing that which you've seen with your father.

Jhn 8:39 They answered and said, Abraham's our father. Jesus said, Well, if you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.

Jhn 8:40 But now you're seeking to kill me, a man that has told you the truth (and if this isn't a picture of the last days, I don't know what is) ... a man that's told you the truth, which I heard of God: Abraham didn't do this.

"You want to kill me for speaking a truth that God has revealed to me. Abraham didn't do this." God is the one who reveals to you that he's the Son of God. When you speak that truth, they will want to kill you for declaring what God has told you.

Jhn 8:41 You're doing the deeds of the whisperer (that is iniquity). Then they said, Well, we're not born of fornication; we have one Father, God.

Jhn 8:42 Jesus said, Well, if God were your Father, you would love me because I proceeded forth and came from (or out of) God, neither did I come of myself, but he sent me.

So they are believing they're children of God based on Old Testament scriptures, not based on the fact that he himself is the Son of God. He says,

Jhn 8:43 Why do you not understand my speech? You are not able to hear my words. You're not able to do that.

Jhn 8:44 You're of your father the devil (the whisperer), and the lusts of your father, you're going to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and he abode not in the truth...

Again, he's not speaking of an outward person. It's an inward person. It's that thing that whispers to you. It's that rebellion inside of your heart that whispers to you, giving you the iniquity that you long to hear.

Jhn 8:44 ... When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own. He's a liar and the father of it.

Jhn 8:45 Because I'm telling you the truth. You're not believing me.

Jhn 8:46 Which one of you people can convince me that I've sinned? And when I tell you the truth, you don't believe me.

Jhn 8:47 He that's of God (and that has the definite article) ... He that is of the Divine One will hear the Divine One's words. You, therefore, are not hearing them because you're not of the Divine One, God.

Jhn 8:48 And said the Jews, Say we not well? You're a Samaritan, and you have a devil?

Jhn 8:49 Jesus said, I am not a devil, but I am valuing my Father, and you're dishonoring me.

Jhn 8:50 I'm not seeking my own glory. There is one that seeks and judges.

Jhn 8:51 Verily, I say unto you, if a man will keep my concepts, he'll never see death.

(See, the path of the just will take you to the brighter day, Pro 4:18.)

Jhn 8:52 Then said the Jews, Well, we know now you have a devil. Abraham's dead and the prophets, and you're saying, If a man will keep my sayings, he'll never taste of death.

See, my point is that he was talking to the Jews who believed on him and revealing to them the iniquity that they have. They were getting upset, and they were not willing to

hear what he had to say. So what I want to do is turn to 1 Corinthians, and I want you to look at chapter 2. For me, this is what it's all about.

Now, here is a message for those who live at the end of the world. I can see now what God has been doing this whole time in the value of looking at Christ, recognizing he came into this world, he emptied himself, and he learned everything through the scripture, and God, at his baptism, said, "*You're my Son,*" making him the Christ.

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, I came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you, what? The baptism of Christ, the testimony of God.

That is when God bore witness the first time, that he said, "*You are my Son, in whom I am well pleased. This day have I begotten you, Jesus.*" But look at how Paul puts this: "*I came declaring the testimony of God.*" That would be an excellent way to enter into a Godhead message, any message... if you want to get to iniquity and how to overcome, if you were to go back to the baptism and say, "God gave this testimony, and if you don't believe the testimony of God, see, you're denying Father and Son. That is antichrist." But notice what he says.

1Co 2:1 ... declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

That is how you begin a conversation. Do you understand the testimony of God? Jesus Christ. If you're going to put Christ in that name, you're calling him the Son of God. He was told he was the Son. That's what made him the Christ. Psalms 2 proves it. The fact that God declared it gives you authority to believe it and believe you're a child of God as you grow in your understanding, as you travel down the path.

1Co 2:3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, in much trembling.

1Co 2:4 My speech and preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom. I was demonstrating with words the spirit and ability:

1Co 2:5 So that your faith would not stand in man's wisdom, but in the ability of God.

You can't read that without remembering 1 Corinthians 1:21.

1Co 1:21 In the wisdom of God... he made a determination that man in his own wisdom could not know God. (How are they going to have to know God?) By the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe.

Notice, not everybody is saved. Notice, not everybody has that spirit of life. They don't believe it. They don't have it. What do you have to believe? You have to believe he is the Son of God. You can tell me you've got the spirit of life, but if you don't believe he's the Son of God, you don't have it because that is what it is.

That is what he is talking about in Romans 8:2:

Rom 8:2 For the law, the teaching of the spirit of life which is in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of iniquity and death.

It's the spirit of life which happens when you believe he's the Son of God, and I don't mean halfway believe it. I mean, God speaks to your heart, and you know that's the Son of God. When that happens, you now have life. You have been born from above. It doesn't mean you're perfect, but you're on the road to getting there. So, 1 Corinthians 2:5,

1Co 2:5 So that your faith would not stand in man's wisdom (because they don't know God), but in the ability of God.

1Co 2:6 We speak wisdom among them that are perfect. (See, they have accepted what happened at the cross. They know that they are forgiven of God. They didn't know what they were doing in their understanding, what happened on that cross.) Yet not the wisdom of this world nor of the princes of this world that has come to naught.

1Co 2:7 We're speaking the wisdom of God in a mystery (we know that goes back to Proverbs 8). It's the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world to our glory.

1Co 2:8 The princes of this world didn't know it (God knows they don't know it. They're going to have to receive it by preaching). If they had known the wisdom of God, they wouldn't have crucified Christ. (Why? Because they would have had patience and long suffering and mercy. They would have had love.)

1Co 2:9 But as it's written, Eye hasn't seen, neither has ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for who? Those that love him.

Stop. We saw a long time ago that if you're going to love God, the only way you can show that is to love everybody else. Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. All of these things are fulfilled in one concept that you love your neighbor, Galatians 5. So what has he prepared for those who love him? What he has done is prepare tools for you to show your love.

That is what this means. It's it hasn't entered your heart how you actually love. You know you have to, but how are you going to do it? Well, *eye hasn't seen, ear hasn't heard, it hasn't entered into your heart what God's prepared for those who love him*, because he knows you're going to love others. Well, what about the rest of it?

1Co 2:10 God revealed these things through his Spirit...

That is how you love people. The Holy Spirit is the explanation of what happened on that cross, and it's never entered into your heart. Your eyes haven't seen it. You've never understood the inside of every human being on the planet. So he has given you, through his Spirit, what you haven't seen or heard. It's only going to be to those who love him because you're the person who needs it. If you're going to love him, you're going to love everyone else.

As I thought about this, I looked at Christ on the cross, and I thought, well, where am I going to get the information, say, from these sacrifices? When I look at these sacrifices, where in the world do I see in the sacrifice all of that iniquity? I mean, I see an animal being slain. To what degree did God reveal the cross in the Old Testament?

I want to read something to you. I'm going to go to Leviticus 3, and I'm going to read a few verses here. But I want you to have the same jaw-dropping experience I had.

Lev 3:1 If his oblation be a sacrifice of a peace offering, if he offer it of the herd, whether it's a male or a female, he's going to offer it without blemish before Jehovah.

Lev 3:2 He shall lay his hand upon the head of the offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall then sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

It looks to me like the guy bringing the offering kills it, and the high priest will sprinkle the blood upon the altar. The altar is your heart. To sprinkle is to teach. Your high priest will give you the instruction and will teach you the meaning of this blood.

Lev 3:3 And he'll offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. (When I see fire, I think of Holy Spirit, but let's go on). The fat that covers the inwards and all the fat that's upon the inwards.

Now, fat is a symbol of sin, and I realize, well, here's your iniquity. It's the fat in that animal.

Lev 3:4 The two kidneys (this is the reins, but the two kidneys), and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

Lev 3:5 And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is upon the wood that's on the fire. It's an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto Jehovah.

Lev 3:6 If his offering is for a sacrifice of a peace offering, he takes of the flock, male or female, he'll offer it without blemish.

Lev 3:7 If he offers a lamb for his offering, then he'll offer it before Jehovah.

Lev 3:8 He shall lay his hand on the head...

There you go. Does that mean that you're transferring your sin to it, and it's going to die in your stead? No. It means you're recognizing your sin is on it. You're not putting it on there. You're recognizing because we know what happened at the cross.

Lev 3:8 He'll lay his hands upon the head of the offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation. Aaron's sons will do what? They're going to sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar of your heart.

Lev 3:9 He'll offer a sacrifice of a peace offering, of an offering made by fire unto the LORD, and to Jehovah; and the fat of it, the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the backbone, and the fat that covers the inwards, all the fat that is upon the inwards.

See, what are we dealing with? We're removing the fat from the sacrifice. Let me tell you something. That sacrifice is not, and it has never been, something you take to God. The

sacrifice is from God to you. He has given you the sacrifice to remove the fat. The double, spoken of in Isaiah, this is what we're reading here. See, in Isaiah 40 (not to get off, but in Isaiah 40) verse two:

Isa 40:2 Speak to the heart, to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished. Her iniquity is reconciled. She's received of Yahweh's hand double.

The double is you and Jesus. The double is you and Jesus. This is what you're reading in this sacrifice in Leviticus 3. This is the double. This is why the sacrifice has fat, because it's you, not him.

Lev 3:9 He shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto Jehovah; the fat of it, the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the backbone, and the fat that covers the inwards, all the fat that's upon all the inwards,

Lev 3:10 And the two kidneys and the fat that's on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take.

Lev 3:11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire (the Holy Spirit) unto Jehovah.

What do you think the word "food" is? It's "bread." *"This is the bread,"* Jesus said. *"The wine is the sacrifice. I'm going to break the bread. It's broken for you. You have to eat my flesh. My flesh is the bread."* The fat taken off the animal is the bread. I look at Jesus, and I think, wow, man. He knew the scripture, and he knew what it meant when he said that.

"You've got to eat my flesh, drink my blood. I am the bread of life. I am the bread that came down from heaven. You've got to eat this bread. My flesh is the bread (Jhn 6:32-33, 35, 38)." In his flesh, he portrayed our fat. In his flesh, he portrayed our iniquity and how to overcome it. Let me tell you, he knew that. He understood that. He understood what was going to happen.

He knew people... as soon as they realize what you're telling them, "Well, you have iniquity," even though they believe they have iniquity, they didn't look at those sacrifices the way God intended. They thought, I'm going to kill an animal, and it's going to pay my sin debt. They still believe that today, only Jesus is the animal, and it's pure

paganism. That's the spirit of antichrist. I see it already beginning at the time of Christ. It had already started. It was already going on.

He already knew what was going to happen: They're going to depart from the truth. They're going to believe he's Jesus, the Christ. Let me tell you, when you walk away from truth, you lose what you thought you had (Luk 8:18) ... and by the time you get to the third century, the people were in such a deep apostasy that they allowed another man to stand up and claim himself head of the church. They already understood the Trinity. The pope did not invent the Trinity. He made it official. The people were already in apostasy.

They believe Jesus is the Christ. They still do today. Go ask them. They have no idea what that means. They have no idea of when he was anointed, how God spoke. God gave his testimony that Jesus is his Son, and when you can believe that truth, you have the testimony of God in you. You have the same testimony. Jesus is the Son of God, and I have the authority to say I am a child of God, too, and he is removing my iniquity.

It may be taking some time, but I'm getting it in my heart, who he is and who I am, and how much God loves me. It had never entered my mind before what happened on that cross. It won't because in the wisdom of God, he made man need the foolishness of preaching.

Do you have the courage to go preach it? That's how you begin the conversation. Do you know what the testimony of God is? Are you going to believe the testimony of God, or are you going to be antichrist? That's a big question, isn't it?

Most gracious heavenly Father, help us. Help us have the courage to stand up and do something. speak to people. We have a message that there's none like it. We pray to glorify you, Jesus Christ, and him crucified. Father, please let us get that in our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.