

“The Clash of Two Kingdoms” - Ps. Richard Kerridge 21th May, 2010

Similar to last Sunday’s message – for those who weren’t present or don’t come on Sunday (Tonight’s message has more on the “spirit of antichrist and less on the “renewing of the mind” than last Sunday’s message.)

“What you believe in your heart determines how you live.”

The battle is especially for young minds and hearts.

We are all impacted by the spirit of this world more than we think.

Colossians 1:13 (Amplified Bible) [The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

Power (Greek: Exousia – authority; control; rulership)

Kingdom (Greek: Basileia – sovereignty; rule; dominion)

Concept - power, authority, control, dominion, rule, influence

1 John 5:19 “The whole world lies ***under the sway*** (*influence*) of the wicked one”

By faith, in a moment, the Lord delivered us out of that kingdom!

But it takes a lot longer time to get our minds free from that kingdom

- **Chinese Immigrant** – It only takes a visa and a plane trip to leave China and enter Australia; but generations to change the thinking
- **God and the enemy think generationally**
 - **So should we!**

We now have authority over all the power of the enemy

- **Legally speaking** he has no authority over us **UNLESS WE GIVE IT TO HIM**

- We do this by **yielding ourselves** to or entertaining his lies and thoughts and philosophies that are contrary to God's ways and thoughts –

Two Diametrically Opposed Kingdoms

**Kingdom of Darkness
Christ (LIGHT)**

Kingdom of the Lord Jesus

SATAN

JESUS

SPIRIT OF ANTI-CHRIST

HOLY SPIRIT

**THE
WORLD**

**THE
CHURCH**

FEAR

LOVE

PRIDE
FEAR / UNBELIEF
DEATH
SIN
DECEPTION
BONDAGE
WORKS of the FLESH
SICKNESS

ATTITUDE
FORCE
RESULT
INFLUENCE
SPIRIT
CONSEQUEN
CES
FRUIT
RESULT

HUMILITY
FAITH
LIFE
RIGHTEOUSNESS
TRUTH
LIBERTY
FRUIT of the SPIRIT
HEALTH

Romans 6:16 “Do you not know that to whom **you present yourselves** slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?”

Remember: We live according to **our belief system**

- Once we **believe a lie**, we are easy to **tempt into sin**
- Then we come into **bondage to the liar** (Satan), sin and its consequences
 - **Separation** from God
 - **Bondage to Fear** and condemnation
 - **Naked** (no longer covered by God’s righteousness)
 - **Standing in their own righteousness**
 - Supposing to be wise (knowing “good and evil”) they become fools – and stand guilty before God

To be expanded later in series.....

RENEWING our MINDS - a key to being changed and knowing God’s will

Romans 12:2 And do not be **conformed** to this world but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God

Ephesians 2:1-2 And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked **according to the course of this world (Amp – under the sway of the tendency of this present age)**, according to the prince of the power of the air, the **(Amp –demon) spirit** who **now (Amp - constantly)works** in the sons of disobedience.

The Spirit of Antichrist

- **A spirit** (anti-Christ) **constantly working**, influencing and taking dominion
 - **Setting up strongholds in minds** - thoughts that have a **strong hold**

We have been **blinded by waiting** for an antichrist to come. These verses indicate there are many antichrists.

They can be recognised by their beliefs and attitude and actions.

1 John 2 ¹⁸Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the **antichrist** is coming, even **now many antichrists have come**. This is how we know it is the last hour.

²⁰But you have **an anointing from the Holy One (the Holy Spirit)**, and all of you know the truth.

²²**Who is the liar?** It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ (the Anointed/Messiah). Such a man is the **antichrist**—he denies the Father and the Son. ²³No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

²⁶I am writing these things to you about **those who are trying to lead you astray**. ²⁷As for you, **the anointing** you received from him **remains in you**, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as **his anointing teaches you** about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

1 John 1 ⁷Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the

deceiver and **the antichrist**. ⁸Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully.

1 John 4:3

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.

2 Thessalonians 2:7

For the **mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only he who now lets will let, until he be taken out of the way.

Once sin is truly revealed as a mystery, the mystery is no longer a mystery

There are numbers of mysteries in Scripture

- **Two major ones that concern us**

Ephesians 3

the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.

⁴In reading this, then, you will be able to **understand my insight into the mystery of Christ**,

⁵which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

'This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 6:19 (New International Version)

¹⁹Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known **the mystery of the gospel**,

Colossians 1²⁶ the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which^[d] is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

A spirit in the world and a Spirit in the church

Leaven

1. It can **represent sin** (the power/influence of sin)
2. Also - the **way things spread in the kingdom**
 - a. A little leaven, leavens the whole lump
 - b. LIKE AN UNSEEN POWER that works away when conditions are right

The leaven (the spirit of this world) has greatly influenced the church – especially the MINDS of YOUNG PEOPLE

What Happened? An unseen deceptive, lying, destructive, thoughts of an anti-Christ spirit has been released - especially through education and media

It is a battle of PHILOSOPHIES, thoughts, words, ideologies – sown by spirits.

There is a spirit who WORKS – to sow and empower lies – amongst people

WHY SUCH A BATTLE FOR THE MIND? The enemy knows that persistent, unrelenting ideas will eventually change a person

The Brain that Changes – Norman Doidge MD - Neuroplasticity – how the brain can change itself – “astonishing transformations”. The

research indicates that our brain not only more resourceful to make improvements; but also is “more vulnerable to outside influences” that previously thought.

At University, School and through Media

- Under the power of the anti-Christ spirit

We need to:

1. Understand the Clash of the **Two Kingdoms**
2. Understand **why the church fails** – when it should be winning
3. Understand we have the **authority and power to make a change**
4. **Step forward not back** – get out of neutral and into forward gear
5. **Pull down strong holds** – with the word of God and the power of the Spirit.
6. **Construct God’s strong holds** in the minds of God’s young people