

In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The antichrist is active in this fallen world. The anti-Christian society we live in works to ruin faith where it exists, and to prevent sinful men from coming to saving faith. Public schools and universities, government agencies and political operatives, and even churches that use the name “Christian” work together to ridicule and persecute what is clearly taught in the Word of God, and those who believe it.

So many do not believe the Truth because secular society has already filled them with lies. That is the work of the antichrist. St. Paul writes to warn you: God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie. And believing the lie, they will take pleasure in unrighteousness, and so will be condemned.

St. Paul writes that the antichrist will have power, and signs, and lying wonders. By them he will deceive many men, who will perish in false belief. You live in that time.

Look around you: Broken families, men in wretched spiritual states, perversion and transgression portrayed as good and normal. From that first hissing lie, the power of the devil has been to deceive by false doctrine.

Every fallen man harbors doubt about Holy Scripture, even when the Word of God is clear. And the proof of that doubt is that you, like all fallen men, have daily sinned.

And so it is that, deprived of a right knowledge of God by the personal heresies they have harbored, men of hard hearts, not knowing God and not desiring God’s forgiveness, finally receive a strong delusion from God, and believing the lie, they die eternally in their sin.

False doctrine is no plaything. Consider the nonsensical question the Sadducees ask our Lord about the woman who sequentially marries seven men. It is meant not to learn the Truth, but to cause Truth to stumble, if that were possible.

But thanks be to God, the Truth is clear, and is presented clearly in the Holy Scriptures for all men. And that you know the Truth, that you be saved from the wiles of the antichrist, the lawless one is revealed.

And as antichrists come, they will be revealed. For God has given you the Truth, by which you can extinguish the flaming darts of the evil one. God has given you His Word, by which you can judge the teaching of any man. God has given you the Truth, that you be saved.

In His mercy, God chose you for salvation from the beginning. This He did out of love. And that that salvation be yours, He sent His only Son to die for you. Jesus Christ endured the hell you have earned.

His Blood was shed. But He is not dead. He lives that you too live. For He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. And He sunders you from the fallen world, and keeps you in His

Holy Church. He keeps you in truth and love. He keeps you safe from the delusions of sin.

This He does through sanctification, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, by which you live out a life of faith, not believing the lie, but trusting in the Truth, believing in the only True Christ, trusting that He has crushed the head of the serpent, in confidence that He has redeemed you body and soul.

By the Spirit you know the True God, the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For the Spirit works through the Word of Truth, the Holy Gospel, that you be set apart from the dying world, sundered from death unto life, to obtain the glory of your Lord Jesus Christ.

This day that Glory comes to you hidden in Bread and Wine. Christ is applied to you, Christ is fed to you, Christ fills you by His Spirit, that you believe the Truth, to which He has called you by the Holy Gospel. So you will not die. The burning bush testifies. God has made you equal to the angels and sons of God. God has made you His sons, sons of the resurrection.

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