

# PERFECT MAN

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## Spiritual Refreshment - "Recognizing the Spirit of Anti-Christ"

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*"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby (or by this we can) know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is NOT OF GOD: and this is that spirit of antichrist; whereof ye have heard that it should come and even now already is it in the world." 1 John 4:1-3*

Already in the world? As a matter of fact they're all over the place! You will see them at the entrance of shopping malls, on the streets, knocking on doors on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Although this spirit of antichrist raises its voice in so many places, isn't it interesting how this voice always points *away* from Jesus Christ rather than pointing *to* Him?

Have you noticed whenever you are confronted by this spirit, the arguments always tend to focus on who Jesus is, (the deity of Christ) or from their point of view who He is NOT. They even discredit Jesus in the name they call themselves.

Without controversy, Jesus made it very clear while speaking to His disciples just before His ascension into the heavens. *"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy*

*Ghost has come upon you and ye shall BE WITNESSES UNTO ME, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."* Acts 1:8.

That simply means every true ministry can (and will) point in only one direction and to one person—Jesus Christ.

It is very important that the witnesses of Jesus Christ recognize the spirit of antichrist as such. This will preclude any debate on the part of Christ's followers. Understanding that these are false witnesses, as well as antichrist, will prevent any meaningless encounter and will help you to construct a base from which you can be truly helpful in bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to them.

These are false prophets and not true witnesses because it is impossible to be a witness unto Jesus without having His Spirit on the inside. *"But you shall receive power,"* refers to the believer being filled with the same Spirit with whom Jesus was filled. This is the only way to witness or demonstrate the same power.

Jesus told His disciples how important having His Spirit in them was, and that when the Spirit of truth is come He (the Spirit of Truth) would guide them into all truth (Jesus). Jesus has said in His word, *"I am the Truth."* It is this truth of Jesus into which the Spirit guides us. The Holy Spirit was not

just for the early Church or the early disciples of Jesus. This great Holy Spirit was given and must be received by anyone who says, *"I am a believer of Jesus Christ."*

On the day of Pentecost after the great outpouring of God's Spirit; Peter stood up and preached to about three thousand people. In his conclusion he said *"...the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off even as many as the Lord our God shall call."* Acts 2:38-39.

The brother to our Lord, the Apostle Jude, said the same thing. *"...we should earnestly contend*

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for the faith which was once (first) delivered unto the saints." Jude 1:3-4

In closing, let us recount...

**1. We are not to believe that all witnesses are true.** We are to try (or test) the spirits to determine whether they are of God or not. We do this by recognizing whether they testify to Jesus Christ living on the inside of them. This is important because that is a place reserved only for God.

**2. Learn to recognize the spirit of antichrist.** Instant recognition of this spirit of antichrist will preclude any need for debate on the your part as one of Christ's followers, will prevent any meaningless encounter and will help you to construct a base from which you can be truly be helpful in bringing the gospel.

**3. Remember that we have the same Spirit with whom Jesus was filled.** This is the only way to witness or demonstrate the same power that He had. This Spirit will be available to us until the end of the world.

In conclusion, the very first general command to the nation of Israel and to us today is, "**Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD.**" Deuteronomy 6:4

We also understand that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. (1 Corinthians 12:3) and we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true; and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the True God, and eternal life. (1 John 5:20) †



### 3 STEPS TO SALVATION

#### 1. Recognize that your sin separates you from God:

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)*

#### 2. Realize that God loves you, and believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins:

*"God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)*

#### 3. Receive Him into your life by faith:

*"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)*



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### Gospel Music Notes

Here is a list of this quarter's new releases...

**Storm Is Over**, T.D. Jakes & The Potter's House Mass Choir, Released March 2001

**Kingdom Come Soundtrack**, Various Artists (Written by Kirk Franklin), Released April 2000

**Behind The Curtain**, GMWA Mass Choir, Released March 2001

**Raisin' The Praise**, GMWA Women of Worship, Released March 2001

**Experience**, Yolanda Adams, Released March 2001

**From The Heart of God**, Creflo Dollar and the Changing Your World Mass Choir, Released October 2000

**He's A Rock**, Rev. Timothy Wright presents Eric Figueroa and the NLTC, Released October 2000

**Glory, Honor & Praise**, Angela Spivey and the Voices of Victory, Released August 2000

**Love Is Live**, Hezekiah Walker & The Love Fellowship Church Choir, Released March 2001

**Storm Is Over**, T.D. Jakes & The Potter's House Mass Choir, Released March 2001

**Kim Burrell**, Live In Concert, Released March 2001

**In Case You Missed It... And Then Some**, Fred Hammond/Various Artists, Released March 2001

**All About Him**, O'Landa Drapers Associates, Released February 2001

**Joe Pace Presents Let There Be Praise**, Joe Pace, Released February 2001

**Loyalty**, Desmond Pringle, Released January 2001

Remember the best way to support gospel music is to buy gospel music!

