<u>WHO is the Real Antichrist? – By</u> <u>Darryl Eberhart</u>

The most shocking example of spiritual blindness on the planet: A billion people calling a man their "holy father" whom God calls "the man of sin".



shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and <u>that man of sin</u> be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and <u>exalteth himself</u> above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he <u>as God</u> sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

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"John Wycliffe in England, Martin Luther in Germany, John Calvin in France, John Knox in Scotland, Ulrich Zwingli in Switzerland, and countless others, all preached that the humble Nazarene was the Christ and that the proud <u>ROMAN</u> <u>PAPACY</u> was the ANTICHRIST of [Ed.: Holy] Scripture. As a result of this highimpact, double-edged message – for Christ and against antichrist – the river of history literally changed its course. Hundreds of thousands of people in Europe and England FORSOOK the Roman [Ed.: Catholic] Church." – Steve Wohlberg ("End Time DELUSIONS"; 2004; Page 112)

"[Ed.: John] Wycliffe, [Ed.: William] Tyndale, [Ed.: Martin] Luther, [Ed.: John] Calvin, [Ed.: Thomas] Cranmer; [Ed.: and] in the seventeenth century, [Ed.: John] Bunyan, the translators of the King James Bible and the men who published the Westminster and Baptist confessions of Faith; [Ed.: and] Sir Isaac Newton, [Ed.: John] Wesley, [Ed.: George] Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards; and more recently [Ed.: Charles Haddon] Spurgeon, Bishop J.C. Ryle and Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones; these men, among countless others, <u>all</u> saw the office of the <u>PAPACY</u> as the ANTICHRIST." – Michael de Semlyen ("All Roads Lead to Rome?"; 1993; Pages 197, 198)

"[Ed.: Martin] Luther...proved, by the revelations of [Ed.: the prophet] Daniel and St. John, by the epistles of St. Paul, St. Peter, and St. Jude, that the reign of ANTICHRIST, predicted and described in the [Ed.: Holy] Bible, was the <u>PAPACY</u>." – J.H. Merle d'Aubigné ("History of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century"; Hartland Publications; 2006; Volume 1, Page 340)

"[Ed.: The **POPE** is] the very ANTICHRIST, and 'SON OF PERDITION', of whom [Ed.: the Apostle] Paul speaks." – John Knox (1505-1572; Scottish Protestant clergyman and reformer)

"We here are of the conviction that the <u>PAPACY</u> is the seat of the true and real ANTICHRIST." – Martin Luther (1483-1546; German theologian and religious reformer)

"He [Ed.: i.e., the <u>POPE</u>] is in an emphatic sense, 'the MAN OF SIN', as he increases all manner of sin above measure. And he [Ed.: i.e., the <u>POPE</u>] is, too, properly styled 'the SON OF PERDITION', as he has caused the death of numberless multitudes, both of his opposers and followers. ...He it is...that 'exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped' [Ed.: II Thessalonians 2:4]...claiming the highest power and highest honor...claiming the prerogatives which belong to God alone." – John Wesley (1703-1791; English clergyman and evangelist)

"[Ed.: The **POPE** is] the PRETENDED 'Vicar of Christ' on earth, who sits <u>AS</u> God over the Temple of God [Ed.: i.e., over the body of believers in Jesus Christ], EXALTING HIMSELF not only above all that is called God, but [Ed.: also exalting himself] over the souls and consciences of all his vassals, yea over the Spirit of Christ, over the Holy Spirit, yea, and God Himself...speaking against the God of heaven, thinking to change times and laws; but he is the 'SON OF PERDITION' (II Thessalonians 2)." – Roger Williams (1603-1683; English clergyman and colonist in America; founder of Rhode Island – considered the first Baptist pastor in America)

QUESTION: Were ALL of these men <u>WRONG</u> in their assessment of the Papacy?