

Billy Graham Answers: Is the Antichrist Roaming the Earth as We Speak?

With Bible prophecies of the end times appearing to come to pass before our very eyes, there's a big one many wonder about. Is the Antichrist alive? Who is he? What is he doing?

A reader had a similar question for famed evangelist Billy Graham: "Is the Antichrist alive today? I'm not sure I know what the Antichrist is, but the world is in such a mess that I sometimes wonder if we're already living in the last days."

Here's what Graham had to say:

The Bible refers to the Antichrist as an evil person of great spiritual power who will appear at the end of the present age (just before Christ returns to establish His kingdom, as He promised). The Bible says that shortly before Christ comes again, "the man of sin is revealed ... who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God" (2 Thess. 2:3-4).

As the name "Antichrist" implies, he will be completely and utterly opposed to Christ and His people. He even will try to get people to worship him by claiming to be God, and both by his words and his actions, he will do everything he can to fight against everything God is doing in the world. Just as Satan tried to tempt Jesus and stop Him from following God's will for His life, so Satan and his demonic forces will attempt to overpower Christ as the end of the present age draws near.

Is the Antichrist alive today? On one hand, the Bible urges us not to speculate about this or become overly anxious about it. On the other hand, however, it does warn us to be alert—because Satan and his servants are always active. The

Bible says, "Even now there are many antichrists" (1 John 2:18).

The most important fact about the Antichrist, however, is that he will not win! Like his master, Satan, he is already a defeated foe—because by Christ's death and resurrection He has gained the victory over all the forces of evil. Is your faith and hope in Him?

Do you agree? Sound off!