

# Antichrist – Substitution

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“God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, ‘Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...’” (Genesis 1:26-28).

After being created in the image of God, man sinned. He therefore separated himself from his Maker (Isaiah 59:2), and was not able to produce offspring in His image any longer. He could only bare children in his image.

“Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image” (Genesis 5:3).

From that point forward, every man or woman was born after the likeness of the first Adam—sinful.

“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me” (Psalm 51:5).

“The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies” (Psalm 58:3).

“I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb” (Isaiah 48:3).

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

Thank God we have a way out of this mess—God has given us Christ, the sinless and sympathetic Saviour.

“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him” (1 Corinthians 5:21).

“Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, ‘Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.’ And Mary said, ‘My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed’” (Luke 1:39-49).

The former is what the Bible says when it first speaks of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Notice, she was called blessed, she was regarded of low estate, and she recognized that she had need of a Saviour. Interestingly, the Bible refers to Mary needing a Saviour to have been kept from Adams corrupt handed-down-nature. Does the Bible really teach that? Notice what they claim for Mary, mother of Jesus.

“Mary was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin at the first moment of her animation, and sanctifying grace was given to her before sin could have taken effect in her soul.”

“The state of original sanctity, innocence, and justice, as opposed to original sin, was conferred upon her, by which gift every stain and fault, all depraved emotions, passions, and debilities, essentially pertaining to original sin, were excluded.”  
<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07674d.htm> - From the Catholic Encyclopedia Online.

“The recourse we have to Mary in prayer follows upon the office she continuously fills by the side of the throne of God as Mediatrix of Divine grace; being by worthiness and by merit most acceptable to Him, and, therefore, surpassing in power all the angels and saints in Heaven. Now, this merciful office of hers, perhaps, appears in no other form of prayer so manifestly as it does in the Rosary. For in the Rosary all the part that Mary took as our co-Redemptrix comes to us...” No thank you... Christ is sufficient.  
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“Then came to Him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press. And it was told him by certain which said, ‘Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.’ And He answered and said unto them, ‘My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it’” (Luke 8:19-20).

Notice what Christ *didn't* say, “I’m thankful everyone, God is here—the blessed Mary, my Mother, and co-Redemptress. In here you will find forgiveness. In her you will go to the Father. In her you will find peace, and the way of wisdom.” Christ didn’t say anything like that, because He was not including her as part of the salvation plan.

“And it came to pass, as He spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto Him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which Thou hast sucked.’ But He said, ‘Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it’” (Luke 11:27-28 *emphasis added*).

The last reference would have been a perfect time for Christ to uplift and laud Mary, His mother. Yea rather, He chose to focus the minds of His hearers to their own faithfulness to His word—not to the praise of Mary.