

3 Jenny + my 26th Anniversary a backdrop...

"Profound allegory" = The bride-to-be is the church; the soon to come husband is the LORD JESUS; the matchmaker who brought them together and who is concerned for the bride's fidelity is Paul. vs 2

»»» Your devotion to Jesus is worth fighting for!
"divine jealousy for you"

① The GREAT DANGER YOU FACE

Not a Christian, this may surprise you

☑ Led astray from devotion to Christ by "another Jesus...different spirit...different gospel," i.e other than the Jesus, Spirit, Gospel preached by Apostles. (3-4)

☑ Like Eve was deceived by Serpent, false Apostles are "deceitful workman disguising themselves as Apostles of Christ." (13-14)

Danger for me today? To be led astray from Apostolic Gospel ► Jesus ► By the deceitfulness of religion. "Stay devoted to Jesus by devotion to His Gospel and vice-versa"

Really? Is being deceived really a threat? YES!

② THE DECEITFULNESS OF RELIGION

☐☐ Key word, *hyper* "Super-apostles" vs. 5, 23
i.e., not rejecting Paul's message outrightly, but
offering something better... *how adultery happens?*

1. The deceitfulness of performance vs. 5-6

- ☑ F.A. paraded a polished oratory
- ☑ Paul concedes he is lit. "layman in speech"
but not in *knowledge*, Cf. 1 Cor. 2:1-4

Success is a huge idol on east side... Your ♥?

*"The figure of the crucified invalidates all thought
that takes success as its standard." Bonhoeffer*

2. The deceitfulness of patronage vs. 7-11

- ☑ F.A. "Paul doesn't love you + isn't important
b/c he rejects your patronage" *Patronage
System in Roman Empire*

- ☑ Paul's flexible approach (he does receive
support from poor Macedonian churches 8-9)
confronts patronage mentality b/c he loves
them. "God knows I do."

Religious approach to Θ puts Him in your debt. Ex.

⇒ ⇒ Θ/Gospel can't be bought! *Guard ♥*

3. The deceitfulness of righteousness 12-15

What? Yes! The main place Xtians led astray from Jesus is self-righteousness or self-condemnation and idolizing the spirituality/righteousness

☑ F.A. disguised "servants of righteousness" ► Law/legalism, Cf. Galatians

☑ Paul let the one who boasts, boast in the LORD 10:17

The Q = What has happened to your joy?

4. The deceitfulness of resumee 11:16-33

☑ F.A. "boast according to the flesh" vs. 18

☑ Paul goes JUDO ► He boasts in his service of Jesus/church, his suffering for Jesus, his weakness that points to Jesus' strength, i.e. His Love for, devotion to Jesus
hyper, "I am a better one" vs. 23

If you love the groom Jesus what impresses you most? Those who make Jesus great in your ♥

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Seeker Let me serve as matchmaker w. you + Jesus

Xtian Call you to sincere + pure devotion to Jesus