

2 Corinthians 11 Pt 1 vv 1-15

Jesus

Let him who Glories... Glory in the Lord

Immaturity/Infighting/Competition/Intellectualism/Prideful Ignorance
Culminates in acceptance of False Apostles/Different Jesus/Spirit/Gospel

- Paul presses on in his love for God's church in Corinth

I. Consequences of Pride-born Ignorance

1 Oh, that you would bear with me in a **little folly**—and indeed you do bear with me.

- **Folly:** gr. *af-ros-oo'-nay* foolishness, senselessness, thoughtlessness, recklessness

Humor me by listening to someone obviously out of my depth

2 For I am jealous for you with **godly jealousy**. For I have **betrothed you** to one husband, **that I may present you** as a chaste virgin **to Christ**.

Delivering the Bride to Jesus

- **Betrothed you:** As a father Paul arranged their marriage to Jesus
- **Present you:** Ready for your Wedding Day
- **Chaste Virgin:** Spiritually Holy/Pure

1 John 3:2... when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope [Rapture] in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

I raised you in order to present you a chaste Bride
I see shady suitors pursuing you for harm...You're about to leave your first love

3 **But I fear**, lest somehow, as the **serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness**, so your **minds may be corrupted** from the **simplicity that is in Christ**.

Eve was contaminated by listening to the Devil. Entertaining false teaching corrupts the mind. Maintaining the simplicity found in Christ is key to a right relationship with Him. [NJC]

A lie that is all a lie can be met with and fought outright ...But a lie that is partly truth is harder to fight.

Eve's mind became corrupt as she gave attention to Satan twisting the Word of God
Did God say you could not eat of EVERY tree in the garden?

Genesis 3:2b... [Satan added/Eve adds] We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, **nor shall you touch it**, lest you die.'

Desired Objective: Discredit God's Word/God's Character

Achieved Result: Disobedience leading to Spiritual/Physical death

▪ **Pastors Conference:**

1. **Warning** re. specific False Teacher. Heretic
2. **Clown show:** Disregard warning/listen/read everyone

Corinth was now giving attention to false teachers who twist the Word of God
The Bride was becoming defiled. Wooed from the Simplicity found in Christ

4 For if he who comes preaches **another Jesus** whom we have not preached, or if you receive a **different spirit** which you have not received, or a **different gospel** which you have not accepted—**you may well put up with it!**

Consumed w/an Insatiable Appetite for Special Knowledge. Spiritual Adultery
Putting up with teachings of a Different Jesus/Different Spirit/Different Gospel

▪ **Another Jesus:** Created being

1. **LDS:** Created brother of Satan
2. **SDA:** Archangel Michael
3. **JWs :** Archangel Michael. Greatest man.
4. **Gnostics:** The Christ only from His Baptism to Ascension. Not eternal
5. **Islam:** Great Prophet

▪ **Different Spirit:** Speaking into your mind. Incoming!

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do **not believe every spirit, but test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

▪ **Different Gospel:** Not the Gospel of Grace

1. **LDS:** Good works leading to 1 of 3 Heavens. No hell.
2. **SDA:** Good works leading to Salvation. Sunday the mark. No hell.
3. **JWs:** Good works leading to earthly hope. No hell.
4. **Neo-Gnostics:** Salvation by Enlightenment. Intellectualism/Calvinism
5. **Islam:** Good works leading to Paradise

▪ BTW All these religious systems believe they are the only way to be saved

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from **Him who called you** in the grace of Christ, to a **different gospel**, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, **giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons**, 2 **speaking lies** in hypocrisy, having their own **conscience seared** with a hot iron...

False Apostles were bringing a Different Jesus/Spirit/Gospel
Impressed by Polished Oratory/Pressed Suits

II. True vs False Apostles

5 For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most **eminent apostles**.

Unanointed/Self-Appointed/Satan empowered False apostles
Paul was sent to Feed Sheep not Entertain Goats

6 Even though I am **untrained in speech**, yet I am **not in knowledge**. But we have been thoroughly **manifested** among you in all things.

Paul was not skilled in Greek rhetoric
Paul was fully equipped in the Word of God

- **BC:** Trained in the OT by the best Rabbi Gamaliel
- **AD:** Now filled with Spirit applying NT to OT

7 Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you **free of charge?**

Corinth's Childish Reasoning: You get what you pay for
Paul did not ask to be compensated....Therefore his message must be worthless

8 **I robbed other churches**, taking wages from them **to minister to you**.

- Paul refused to receive support from Corinth

1 Corinthians 9:18b ...[Paul's desire] That I may present the gospel of Christ **without charge**, that I may not **abuse my authority in the gospel**.

1 Corinthians 9:15b ...[I would rather die than accept support from Corinth] it would be **better for me to die** than that anyone should make my boasting void.

You would accuse me of stealing if I requested support
So I robbed other churches to minister to you. *Actually they were happy to give*

9 And when I was present with you, and in need, **I was a burden to no one**, for what I lacked the brethren who came from **Macedonia supplied**. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep myself. 10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia. 11 Why? Because I do not love you? **God knows!**

Paul also supported himself in Corinth

Acts 18:1 ...Paul departed from Athens and **went to Corinth**. 2 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla and he came to them. 3 So, because he was of the same trade, **he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers**. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

God knows my love for you

2 Corinthians 6:11 O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, **our heart is wide open.**

2 Corinthians 12:15 And I will very gladly **spend and be spent for your souls;** though the more abundantly I love you, **the less I am loved.**

12 But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may **cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity** to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast.

I'm will stay/fight to present you a chaste Bride to Jesus
Cut off False Teachers who falsely claim Authority from Jesus

13 For such are **false apostles, deceitful workers,** transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Transforming Words/Appearance to Look/Sound like Christians
Same words/Differing meaning. Skin of truth stuffed with a Lie

- **Satan's Transformations**

1. **Subtle Serpent:** To Entice
2. **Angel of Light:** To Capture

- **Cults/Religions:** Called Christian but not

- **Pseudo-Christian Isms:**

1. **Intellectualism:** Neo-gnostic worship of knowledge
2. **Dominionism:** New Apostolic Reform. Bethel
3. **Catholicism:** Works based/Idolatry

Jun 2026 Belgrade, Serbia — More than a million people traveled to the Church of Saint Sava over the past several weeks to witness a holy relic of the Virgin Mary, a piece of a belt she wore when pregnant with Jesus Christ.

As Satan transforms himself into a messenger of light...
So his followers transform themselves into messengers of good news

Romans 16:18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by **smooth words and flattering speech** deceive the **hearts of the simple.**

Galatians 1:7 ...[These] **pervert the gospel of Christ.** 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

2 Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in **destructive** [corrupting] **heresies**, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

Not everyone who says they are a Christian is a Christian

Revelation 2:2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who **say they are apostles and are not**, and have found them liars...

Philippians 3:2 Beware of dogs, beware of **evil workers**, beware of the mutilation!

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do **not believe every spirit, but test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

How do we test every spirit?

Q. What do you believe about the Person and Work of Jesus. Period
A. Jesus in God in the Flesh/His work on the Cross is Sufficient

- Jesus is God in the Flesh

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God ...14** And the **Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifested in the flesh...**

- Jesus work on the Cross is Sufficient

John 19:30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for** good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

The Simplicity of the Gospel
Saved by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone

Add to His work of the Cross for Salvation with *good deeds*? - Hell
Believe He is anything *less than God*? - Hell

John 8:24b ... if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." 25 Then they said to Him, "**Who are You?**" And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.

Test 1: The Person and Work of Jesus
Test 2: Do they want you to join an It... or come to a Him?

Galatians 4:17 They **zealously court you**, but for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be **zealous for them**.

We preach a *Him*, not an *it*
Saved by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone

Colossians 1:28 **Him we preach**, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may **present every man perfect** in Christ Jesus.

This is what Paul is attempting to do