

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Overcoming Deception

With Gerrit Nieuwoudt
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2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (NIV) (1) Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. (2) Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. (3) And even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. (4) The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (5) For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (6) For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

We guard against deception by knowing the truth.

John 17:17 "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is the truth."

We have an enemy who is seeking to blind us to the Truth.

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." – John 10: 10

Satan keeps us deceived through:

1) Secrecy

2) Shame

3) Deception

4) Distortion of Scripture

Big Idea: Overcome deception by living in the Light of Christ.



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