

September 19th – An Angel of Light?

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light." (2 Cor. 11:13-14)

I'm sure you've heard the saying, "Not everything that glitters is gold." That certainly applies to Satan who often presents himself as something he is not. Our verses say that Satan can and does transform himself into an angel of light. In this verse, light is clearly a reference to that which is good, as opposed to darkness (evil). Of course we know that Satan is evil, but would masses of people really be attracted to him if he presented himself in all his darkness? Maybe some would, but it is doubtful that God's people would be attracted to his darkness. For that reason, he often presents himself as something good to those in the church, in hopes that he might deceive them.

This tactic of the devil is nothing new – it's as old as the garden of Eden. When he approached Eve, he called into question the Word of God and acted as though he had her best interest in mind. Unfortunately, she and her husband bought in to Satan's lie, and all of us now pay for the sins they committed. Satan is so good at presenting himself as God's messenger because he is a master of taking God's perfect truth and counterfeiting it into something it is not. In other words, his deceptions sound good, but they are often laced with just enough error to make them wrong. He has many false teachers in this world who perpetuate his lies.

Because our adversary is very crafty, we need to prepare ourselves to discern his tricks. The only way we will know whether or not we're dealing with something godly or something satanic is to know the Word of God. The psalmist said, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). God's Word will cast light onto Satan's lies and help us to stay on the right path. All the more reason for us to read and meditate on God's Word everyday (Psalm 1:1-2).