



"BEWARE OF DECEIVERS & DECEPTIONS!"

2 Corinthians Ch. 11

> (v1-4) PAUL TEACHES A TRILOGY OF DECEPTION!

(v1-2) Paul's goal is to present an uncorrupted, chaste bride, that is the church to Christ.

(v3) How did the Serpent (Satan) deceive Eve in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 3:1-6
- Observe Satan's strategy of deception: First, to question God's Word (*has God said?*); second, then Satan denies God's Word (*you shall not surely die*); thirdly, then he substitutes his own lie (*you shall be as gods*).

- Deceivers will come as false christs, false prophets, and false teachers, we have been warned in advance by: (1) Jesus – Matthew 24:4-5; 11-14; (2) Paul – Acts 20:26-33; (3) Peter – 2 Peter 2:1-3; (4) John - 1 John 4:1-4; (5) The last days church Laodicea – Revelation 3:14-22.

(v4) OBSERVE SATAN'S THREE DECEPTIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH:

#1 – DECEIVERS WILL PREACH ANOTHER JESUS!

- The TRUE JESUS is recognized through Scriptures in His DEITY: John 1:1-3 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

John 1:14 - *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.*

John 5:18-19 - *Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.*

John 10:30-33 - *I and My Father are one." Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."*

#2 – DECEIVERS WILL CAUSE YOU TO RECEIVE A DIFFERENT SPIRIT!

- 1 Timothy 4:1-4 - *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.*

- What is the true work of the HOLY SPIRIT:

(1) John 14:26 – To teach you all things of Jesus.

(2) John 15:26-27 – To testify and witness Jesus.

(3) John 16:7 – To convict of sin.

(4) John 16:13-14 – To guide believers into all truth and tell us things to come.

#3 – DECEIVERS WILL PREACH A DIFFERENT GOSPEL!

- The gospel must not be compromised – 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 1:6-9.

- Salvation is found at the cross through the atoning blood of Christ – 1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 3:25; 5:9; Eph. 1:7; 2:13; Rev. 1:5. (Do not fall prey to the gospel of greed or covetousness 2 Peter 2:1-3)

> **HOW TO MAINTAIN TRUTH:**

- **PREPARE** - 2 Timothy 2:15-16 - *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* 2 Peter 3:17-18 - *You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

- **PROTECT** - Titus 1:9 - *holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.*

- **PROVIDE** – 1 Timothy 3:12 – 4:7 (**Preach the Word!**)

> **(v5-12) PAUL SPEAKS THE TRUTH IN LOVE!**

- **In these verses we see:**

(v5-6) Paul's **AUTHORITY**

(v7) Paul's **HUMILITY**

(v8-9) Paul's **INTEGRITY**

(v10-11) Paul's **HONESTY**

(v12) Paul's **INTENSITY**

> **(v13-21) PAUL WARNS OF WOLVES IN SHEEPS CLOTHING!**

(v13) False teachers will **TRANSFORM** themselves into: "False apostles & deceitful workers" - Jesus said in Matthew 7:15-20 - *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.*

(v14) SATAN transforms himself into an "**ANGEL OF LIGHT**" – Fight with the Word! – Jesus gave us the training for warfare in Matthew 4:1-11.

(v15) Satan's ministers will transform themselves into "ministers of righteousness" - Satan even spoke through Peter before he was born again, we are told in Matthew 16:21-23 -*From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."*

- Observe the last day's deception of the **ANTICHRIST** – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-1-12.

(v16-21) The tactics of the false teachers is found in verse 20:

#1 – False teachers bring you into BONDAGE! (Gal. 2:4)

#2 – False teachers want to DEVOUR (GK. – *Katesthio* – to exploit, to prey on) you!

#3 – False teachers want to TAKE from you! (2 Peter 2:1-3)

#4 – False teachers EXALT themselves! (as God's chosen, anointed, use titles, etc.) (1 Peter 5:1-3)

#5 – False teachers will SMACK YOU IN THE FACE!

- Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23 - "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

> (v22-33) PAUL DEFENDS HIS WORK AND MINISTRY!

- Paul's RESUME:

(v22) Paul's FAMILY TREE

(v23-28) Paul's CREDENTIALS

(v29-33) Paul's REFERRALS

- Jesus said in Matthew 16:24-27 - Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."